2ND SUNDAY
BROTHERS SPEAKING OUT

2ND READ

for brothers about brothers

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2ND SAY

a letter from our **Co-Chair**

Craig Washington

My brothers, my brothers, how far we have come! We come together some 150 strong every month come Sunday evening. We come together in love, in fellowship, in full appreciation of ourselves just as we are. We call ourselves by many names from "gay" to "bisexual" to "queer" to "queen" to "trade" to "adodi" but we are bound by one common identity as black men loving men. Our forefather Joseph Beam declared, "Black men loving black men is the revolutionary act!" As black men in America we are not supposed to love each other at all - regardless of sexual orientation. The very dearth of such love in these times is evidence of its prohibition. This is why it is so important that we realize the value of this special fraternity!

In February 1993, my friend Lance persuaded me to attend my first Second Sunday meeting. It was a small gathering, about ten brothers in Lance's living room, discussing men loving HIV+ men. For the first time I felt comfortable disclosing my HIV status to brothers I did not know. I sensed then that this group would have a profound role in my life. I was so right!

While my eyes are focused upon our future, my soul looks back in wonder at our amazing growth. In addition to our increased ranks, we have launched official membership dollars. These funds will help us enjoy more social outings, more stimulating workshops and a retreat this year. We now have out own newsletter with which we can spread the info (and the dish) that you require more effectively than ever. Second Sunday has become an Atlanta institution, folks in L.A., D.C., and New York know about us. In May, we'll join ranks with our sister organization "ZAMI" to host a co-gender dance/fund-raiser. Our fierceness abounds! Ulester and I are blessed to serve another year as your Co-Chairman. We are proud to simply call you "brother".

BROTHERS

the black gay **Experience**

2ND LOOK

Mark Cunningham

The Harlem Renaissance of the 1920's celebrated as a most significant event in the African-American intellectual tradition was also a crucial moment in gay literary history.

Many of it's central protagonist such as Alan Locke, Langston Hughes, Wallace Thruman, Countee Cullen, Claude McKay and Richard Bruce Nugent were either gay or bisexual.

Cullen was homosexual and maintained a life long relationship with Harlem school teacher Harold Jackson. Surely as a black man, race created problems for his creative expression, but his sexuality posed even greater dangers. Although married to W.E.B DuBois's daughter Yolanda early in life, and Ida Roberson only six years before his death, Cullen had a steady string of male lovers in the United States and France. He was a premier member of a thriving gay coterie in Harlem.

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2ND VIEW

coming out of our **Glass Closets**

an editorial by Ian Courtney Barrett

I sat and listened as my White lesbian classmate talked about her roots in the Southern Baptist tradition. She went on to say that she felt alienated from her faith because Southern Baptists would not accept her sexuality. I thought to myself that Black churches and ministers, for the most part, hold the position that homosexuality is wrong.

The next event is profound, or simple, depending on your point of view. In front of 11 other students and the professor, I said that "as a Black gay man, I found Black Baptist churches unwilling to support my sexual orientation". I couldn't believe that I was saying this in front of straight people. It felt scary and natural at the same time. I was discussing issues in a public forum about which I had only debated with my gay friends in private settings.

During a break, the lesbian woman told me that she had hoped that I would come out during this quarter. I acknowledged her comment and I've been thinking about her comment ever since. My classmate had picked up on my "gay vibes". A speaker at the January 1997 Bayard Rustin Rally said that gays and lesbians live in glass closets. We can see out and straight people can see in. The glass keeps us from communicating. I believe that gays need to take the initiative to communication. Unless we communicate, this silence equals our collective death.

It is important that we as gay men of African decent come out of the closet. We must break the code of silence. Hate crimes, like the bombing of The Otherside, affect us. Taunting and jeering of our gay and lesbian teenagers in high school affect us. The inability of most of us to cover our partners under our health insurance affects us. The fact that no federal law covers discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation affects us. Ministers preaching that gay and lesbian people are going to hell and WE shouting "amen" affects us.

Coming out is a process, and not an event. One doesn't wake up one day and say that "I'm Out". It begins with self love, which should be one's first and last love. It begins with accepting ourselves for who and what we are. As Reggie G. says, you have to be able to look into the mirror and say "I'm Gay" and to feel comfortable with that. Next steps include coming out to family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors as we deem appropriate.

Coming out is a continuum. There is much space between both ends for all of us. Coming out may involve participating in the political and cultural events for gays and lesbians in our community. Events during 1997 have included the Bayard Rustin Rally/ML King Parade (January), In The Life Atlanta's Black History Month Program "Harambe" (February), and Portraits In An Archive; Preserving African American Gay and Lesbian History by the creation of an archive for Venus magazine at the Auburn Avenue Research Library on African American Culture and History (March). Coming out may include working on a Second Sunday committee. Coming out may include joining the gay and lesbian employee association at work if your employer (AT&T, Prudential, Turner Broadcasting, most universities) sponsors one.

Only after we come out will straight people be able to say, I know a Black gay man, I feel comfortable with him, and he is a part of my community. Each one of us needs to be on a mission to take a jack hammer, fists, Liz Claiborne pumps, or Kenneth Cole boots to break the walls of our glass closets.

2ND HEALTH

Carlos Cordero

Welcome to our first 2nd Health column. We hope this becomes a place to offer commentary on issues that affect our health and well being. In future issues we will make this a question and answer section so that your concerns become the column.

2nd Health is the name, 1st column is this issue. HIV stands in the forefront when we think about health. It is our dominating health concern whether we are infected or not.

I have a long history with this issue. The first time I was tested was without my knowledge. Back in 1986, I had gone to my mother's clinic to have my annual blood work done and she decided to test it for HIV without consulting with me. Only my mother! The results were negative and it made it easier for me to test annually. I am in awe of those who have the valor to test on their own. Without her initiative I don't know what would have taken to get me to follow through with testing.

1992 brought a reversal. I became positive (sero-converted) in the comfort of my relationship. This new information brought me a host of new realities. There's the potential of dealing with health crisis, disclosure and medical choices. Knowing my status made me deal with life in an intimate manner like never before.

Ignoring the issue was tempting. There would be less worrying, no doctor's visits (unless I had to) and no rejection from those afraid of the virus. Last but not least was dealing with the "how did I get it" question from this largely homophobic society.

So I took a hard look at the issue; the H in HIV stands for human, not punk or junkie, amoral or 'ho, just simply human. A qualification I could live with, so I did. A human virus whose conduit into my life was love.

Looking back, this knowledge gave me power. Power gave me responsibility and responsibility gave me respect myself, don't you think?

EAKING OUT!!

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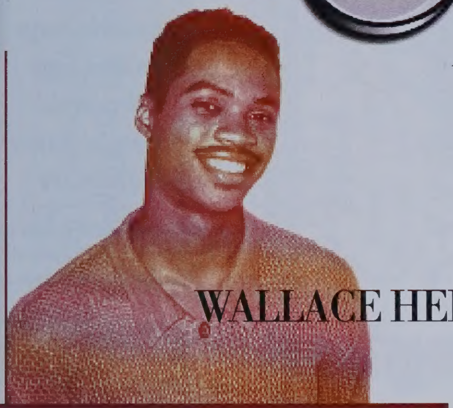

WALLACE HENRY III

an interview by Edwin Maurice Cook

EC: Where are you at this point in your life?

WH: I am at a point where I am coming out and experiencing the thrill by getting more involved in the community. I'm in a space of healing to make up for time spent in silence.

EC: What do you feel is the biggest problem facing the black gay community and what do you see as the solution?

WH: Apathy, I feel is the biggest problem. And the solution is to challenge the institutions that society likes to trap us in (i.e. church, government)

EC: How does spirituality fit into your lifestyle?

WH: Knowing who I am as God created me, and not as society has defined me. I have found that I cannot separate spirituality and life. If I love myself then I must understand and know that God loves me as I am.

EC: What does Second Sunday mean to you?

WH: Second Sunday is a step towards a more positive black gay community. It's a place to voice my opinions and see others who are challenging stereotypes in an intelligent and safe environment.

EC: What has attending Second Sunday done for you?

WH: It has caused me to question my stand and comfort level of being an out black gay man.

EC: What contribution do you bring to Second Sunday?

WH: A positive perspective on being a black gay male who is HIV positive.

EC: Who are the people that inspire you?

WH: My mother, sister and my partner.

EC: What are your goals?

WH: I would like to go back to school and teach literature at a college level.

EC: Finally Wallace where do you see yourself in the future?

WH: I'd like to be one of the key figures in the community pushing for change, acceptance and wanting others to take a stand for themselves and embrace themselves as a total person.

2ND SPIN

by Robert Hunter Simmons III

In this column, I'll be reviewing music. Both new stuff and not-so-new stuff that I really like. Since I have such a large appetite, musical that is, I will review a varied mix of music. I will also try and keep you abreast of the latest music and entertainment news. If there is any artists you would like me to share with the readers of 2nd Read, let me know. You can E-mail me @ RHS3@mindspring.com or mail in your responses to:

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Enjoy, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Erykah Badu - Baduism

Erykah Badu
Baduizm

Badu....Badu....Badu....that's what the entranced people with their arms stretched out, chanted as they headed to their local record store to purchase the debut record by Erykah Badu. This child of the gods just seemed to burst out of no where to have a number one album with Baduism. I was definitely one of the people practicing Baduism after I heard this record. I have not stopped playing this CD since I got it. I play it while I'm getting ready for work. I play it in the car on my way to work. I play it morning, noon, and night. Needless to say I am in love with Erykah Badu, there is not a track on the record that I don't love. All I can say is if you don't have this CD you are definitely missing out. Erykah Badu is Billie Holiday reincarnated. She sounds so much like Billie Holiday it is unbelievable. My favorite track, if I had to pick just one, would be #8, "Certainly". This simple stripped down song with just an acoustic bass, a piano, and a drummer is heaven.

Check Erykah Badu out on the Internet at www.kedar.com

Whitney Houston Step By Step (The Remixes)

Whitney Houston
Step By Step

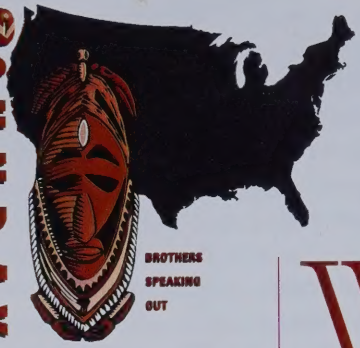
Whitney has just unleashed the remixes to "Step By Step" her fab single from The Preacher's Wife Soundtrack. The CD-5 has 5 remixes and the original version. The "Toney Moran Remix" is hot. It is a little over 10 minutes of pure house Work-Out, and the "Junior's Arena Anthem Mix", Oh Baby!! Annie Lennox, who wrote the song for Whitney, is featured prominently singing background on this version. I guess Whitney is trying to retake her crown as the "Remix Queen" from Mariah Carey. She even found a cute wig to wear in the video—she has such a hard time with her wigs. Thank you Whitney, I needed this from you. It's been too long.

STEP BY STEP

NEW LOCATION

2ND TOPIC

2ND SUNDAY



April 13, 1997

CITY HALL EAST
Pheonix Room

Where is our money going?

What are some positive ways gay black men can get together and make some money?

How do we begin to plan for the future, when we're bearly making it today?

We're spending our money at gay black clubs and bars, but are they spending any on us?

This and so much more.

Come ready to

share your point

of view on this issue,

to listen and to be enlightened.

SAVE
RAIN OR SHINE

"It's A Spring Thang"

Don't forget your potluck dish.

HOSPITALITY

POTLUCK THEME

"It's a Spring Thang"

finger sandwiches
fruit salad
vegetable trays
deviled eggs
jell-o-mold
casserole dishes
soft drinks

use these as a guide to your contribution to our potluck theme.

It's SHOW TIME

Palette of Diaspora:

a black mans experience

Benny Andrews
Carl Christian
Michael Ellison
Michael Morgan
Freddie Styles
Omar Thomas

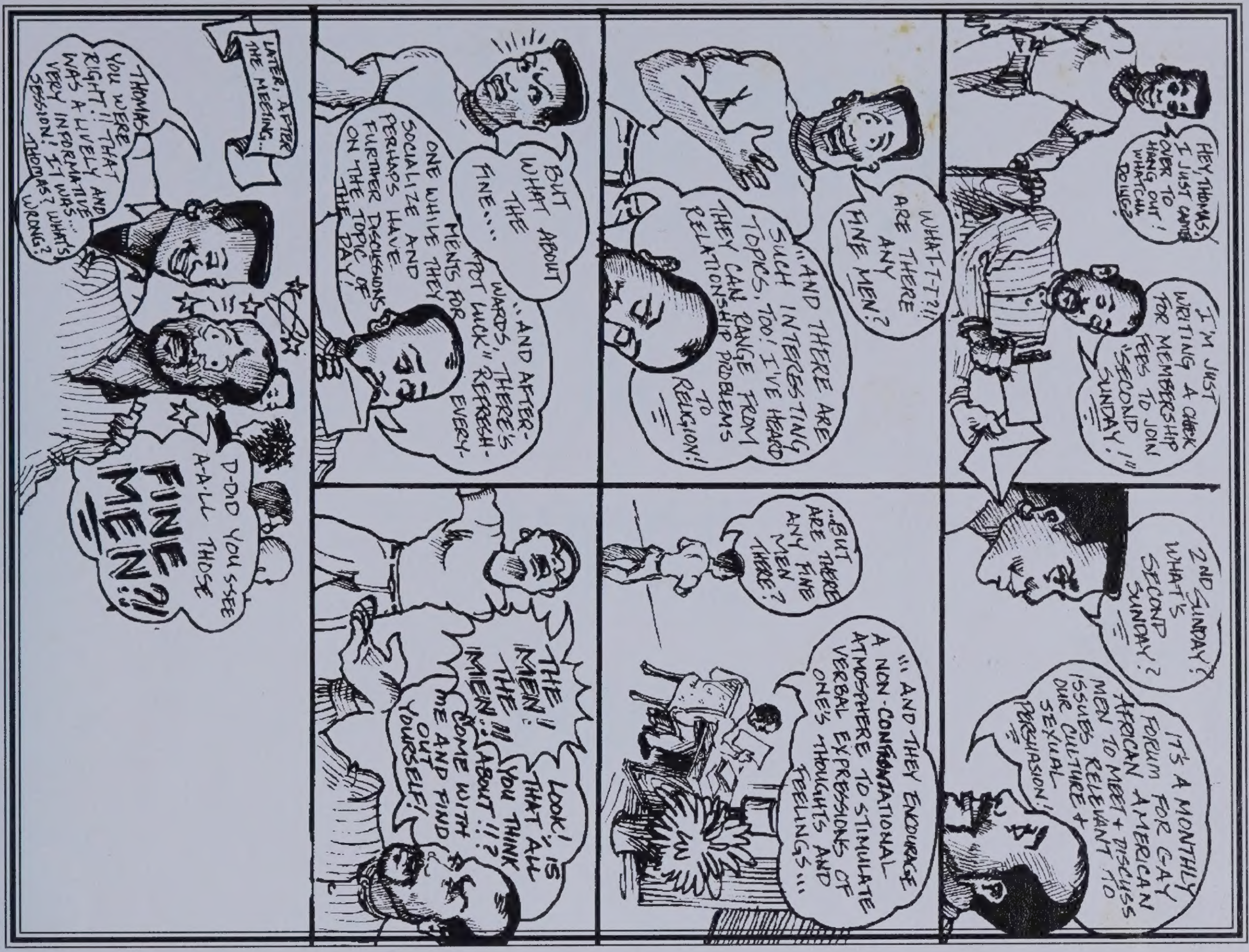
Gwinnett Fine Arts Center
Duluth, GA
Opening May 17, 1997
Gallery # 770.623.6002

CONGRATULATIONS

OUR — *Terrell Smith*

2nd Sunday Historian

Terrell Smith accepted an award for 2nd Sunday, "Best Gay Organization" at the Entertainer of the Year Award Ceremony held at Lorretta's Night Club.


HEY, THOMAS, I JUST CAME OVER TO HANG OUT! WHATCHA DOING?
I'M JUST WRITING A CHECK FOR MEMBERSHIP FEES TO JOIN "SECOND SUNDAY."
2ND SUNDAY? WHAT'S SECOND SUNDAY?
IT'S A MONTHLY FORUM FOR GAY AFRICAN AMERICAN MEN TO MEET + DISCUSS ISSUES RELEVANT TO OUR CULTURE + SEXUAL PERSUASION!
WHAT-T-T?!! ARE THERE ANY FINE MEN?
...AND THERE ARE SUCH INTERESTING TOPICS, TOO! I'VE HEARD THEY CAN RANGE FROM RELATIONSHIP PROBLEMS TO RELIGION!
...BUT ARE THERE ANY FINE MEN THERE?
...AND THEY ENCOURAGE A NON-CONFRONTATIONAL ATMOSPHERE TO STIMULATE VERBAL EXPRESSIONS OF ONE'S THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS...
BUT WHAT ABOUT THE FINE....
...AND AFTERWARDS, THERE'S "POT LUCK" REFRESHMENTS FOR EVERYONE WHILE THEY SOCIALIZE AND PERHAPS HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON THE TOPIC OF THE DAY!
THE MEN! THE MEN!! THE MEN!!
LOOK! IS THAT ALL YOU THINK ABOUT!!? COME WITH ME AND FIND OUT YOURSELF!
LATER, AFTER THE MEETING...
THOMAS YOU WERE RIGHT!! THAT WAS A LIVELY AND VERY INFORMATIVE SESSION! IT WAS... WHAT'S WRONG? THOMAS?
D-DID YOU S-SEE A-A-LL THOSE FINE MEN?!

Comic Strip Art by: **Thomas J. Bevel**

Look for more comic strips by Thomas in future 2nd Read Newsletter

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BROTHERS SPEAKING OUT

membership Data*form*

NAME as you would like it to appear on the member card

DATE OF BIRTH

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

HOME#

PGR. (OPTIONAL)

E-MAIL

OCCUPATION

HOBBIES OR INTEREST

Would you like your name provided to other like organizations

☐ Yes

☐ No

Second Sunday membership is **$30.00 annually**, please make check or money order payable to: Second Sunday
our mailing address is:

Second Sunday
P.O. Box 310
Atlanta, Georgia 30301

Amount Enclosed $ ________

Information Line 404.325.7321

Note: Second Sunday maintains a member mailing list which is private and confidential. Any mailing from Second Sunday will always be discreet to respect your privacy

Second Sunday Meeting
January 12, 1997 6:30 p.m.

Where: The Lambda Center at 828 West Peachtree

I'm Coming Out

What does it mean to be out
and who defines it?

Is there comfort in the closet?

Is carrying a sign or putting a rainbow
on your car the only way to say you are
secure with yourself?

This and so much more.
Come ready to share your point of
view on this issue, to listen
and to be enlightened.

Don't forget your potluck dish.

Second Sunday
Topic committee
Policies and Procedures

WHEN

1. The topic committee meets every Tuesday, after 2nd Sunday.

WHERE

2.Meetings begin at 7:30 PM at the Lambda center.
828 West Peachtree St., Atl., Ga. 30308
Meetings are scheduled for 2 hrs.

WHO

The Co-Chairs of the topic committee are the contacts .
They are Freddy Johnson and Robert Mathis.
Any concerns or inquiries should come through them , or directed to them, this does not however prohibit any active member of this committee from giving out information to interested Brothers.

How

3. To join the topic committee you only need to attend the regularly scheduled meetings.

4. The topic committee is responsible for choosing topics for discussion for
(a) the general monthly meeting, the 2nd Sunday of every month
(b) helping to choose a facilitator
(c) helping the facilitator fine tune his presentation
(d) assists the facilitator however possible IE., setting up the room , handing out materials , recording key parts of the discussion for viewing
(e) providing the brothers in attendance with surveys to evaluate the discussion, facilitator , and areas of interest for future discussion.

5. Facilitators training is provide quarterly for persons interested in facilitating a 2nd Sunday discussion. Facilitators training is a service provided by 2nd Sunday and the Topic Committee for the membership and does not exclude Brothers who have not attended a trying session from facilitating a discussion.

6..To facilitate a 2nd Sunday discussion , you should prepare a typed outline of your planned presentation to be presented at the meeting one month prior to the discussion. Please prepare at lest 15 copies to give to the committee.

7.The opportunity for feedback from the topic committee will take place at the meeting following the discussion you facilitate. This is the time to present any data obtained from the surveys given out during the discussion , as well as a copy of your final outline used for the discussion. This will be placed in the files for this committee for future references.

8.Elections of Co-Chairs takes place in October of every year and new Co-Chairs take office in November.

COMMUNITY
PART I

How do you identify racially ?
A. African American (12)
B. Black (7)
C. Bi-racial (1)
D. multi-racial (1)
3 identified as both A and B

How do identify in your relationships with men?
A. Gay or homosexual (15)
B. MSM (0)
C.Bisexual (2)
D. In the Life (4)
E. Same gender loving (3)
F. Questioning (0)
Do not identify at all (3)

Name the community that is the most important to you
1.African American (5)
2.Black gay (3)
3. Gay (3)
4. Bisexual (1)
5. Spiritual ,Christian and Islamic (1 each)

Name all of the communities to which you belong
1.Black, African American, and gay
2.Religious and or Spiritual
3.Business , professional and corporate
4. Aids, artist, and male
5.Male, Second Sunday
5.Military, middle class, and Carribean

Do you believe that there is a Black gay community?
Yes (21)
No (0)
3 no answers

Do you believe that it is functioning properly?
Yes (2)
No(9)

The Black gay community is functioning about average ,but is better than what it has been in the past. We need more togetherness in Atlanta and we should own things ourselves. We should recognize the power in numbers. Second Sunday is where I experience the community working properly. do you feel

What is the function of community?

1. To support , to unify , to empower
2. To provide guidance and leadership
3. To advocate for its members , to protect
4. To connect Spiritual, intellectually and physically for the greater good of that group.
5. To provide an identity
6. To provide a common comfort zone to people of like interest

How can we improve our communities?

1. Better communication , honesty
2. Knowledge of others (Bisexual, transgender, lesbian) education around the diversity of the community , stop judging and get real
3. More love , more respect , more caring and more unity
4. To get involved
5. To realize our collective potential

Do you value the ideal of community?.

The answer to this question was unanimous YES.
With these comments; as long as there is individual freedom, and Second Sunday could do more to connect with other communities

What will you commit to do for your communities this year?

1. Financial support
2. Volunteer time
3. Support Black groups and business
4. To educate myself more on the issues affecting my communities and become more involved.
5. To work on my issues, educate myself on issues I am not comfortable with.
6. Constructive criticism

Time to write checks ↓

Volunteer List ↓

+

↓ have the representatives discuss

~~How do you~~

get to one of Committee members And have

Communty

Recap of Community Part I

Definition of community —

how we identify in our relationship with men

The first discussion we had on community was designed to figure out how we identify in the context of community and to see how much knowledge we have of the communities in which we live and are active in.

The second part will be divided into 2 sections

LOOK AT COMMUNITY organizations & buisness'

Identifying some of our community organizations and business, and accessing their functions. mission statements
motto
purpose

Ways to improve upon what they do or the service they provide to the community

The importance of working together
site examples of collaborations and how they have worked or failed

does community or is it supposed to see What is the function of community?

If we see How to improve our communities will this improve our communities

Individual Responsibility

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

BREAKING THE SILENCE

DARING TO SPEAK THE TRUTH ABOUT "DOMESTIC" VIOLENCE/ABUSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Who is the perpetrator and why does he emotionally, physically, sexually abuse his partner?

Are there signs to look for before you get involved?

Who is the survivor?
Does lack of self-esteem contribute?

If you are a perpetrator of "Domestic" Abuse we need your input— your words—your voice.

Give Ulester a call at 404-635-9418

confidentiality will be considered.

Sunday, January 11, 1998
6:30–8:30 pm.
City Hall East
Phoenix Room
675 Ponce de Leon Ave.

REMINDER ADMISSION

2nd Sunday Members FREE
Non-members $3.00

2ND SUNDAY

BROTHERS SPEAKING OUT

January is Second Sunday's Fifth Anniversary • 5 years of Brothers Speaking Out and strengthening our community

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BROTHERS SPEAKING OUT

Daring To Speak The Truth About "DOMESTIC" ABUSE/VIOLENCE

Did you know that you are many times more likely to be physically, verbally or sexually assaulted by your partner/ex-partner than by a stranger?

Did you know that he can abuse you without having to hit you, push you or grab you?

Are you (were you) afraid of him? Do you (did you) walk around on eggshells? Does he (did he) try to tell you who you could talk to; where you can or cannot go; what you should wear?

WELL...LET'S TALK

If you are a victim or perpetrator of "Domestic" Abuse and would like to share your story, give Ulester a call at 404-635-9418

If you need more information call **404-325-7321**

Thanks for bringing a potluck dish

BREAKING THE SILENCE

Sunday, October 12, 1997
6:30-8:30 pm.

City Hall East
Phoenix Room
Ponce de Leon Ave

Second Sunday July Presentation
Outline

I. Topic: Is it a Matter of Color?

II. Protocol:

A. Distribute group numbers (1 -16) and discussion questions to attendees upon their arrival 4 volunteers for # and questionaire distribution

B. Introduction and skits

C. Separate attendees into discussion groups for forty (40) minutes; invite each group to discuss all four questions, but assign each individual group with a specific topic for the purpose of answering three (3) follow-up questions to be discussed with the entire body *

D. Require each group to designate a spokesman to share its responses to the follow-up questions with the entire body / Recorder

E. Open the floor to brothers who wish to share personal experiences that are memorable, painful, etc.

[redacted] endees, this outline is based on a framework by which four (4) groups will be assigned to report on the same topic (since there are a total of four topics); therefore, topics are to be discussed as follows:

Groups	Topics
1 & 5 & 9 & 13	One
2 & 6 & 10 & 14	Two
3 & 7 & 11 & 15	Three
4 & 8 & 12 & 16	Four

~~QUESTIONNAIRE~~

~~A. Discussion Topics:~~

1. ~~Do you prefer dating dark skinned men? Fair skinned men? If so, do you refuse to date a person who does not meet your preference, and why?~~

2. ~~Did your parents place an importance on skin color? If so, explain the manner in which they conveyed distinctions regarding color.~~

3. ~~Do you believe that others have discriminated against you because of your own complexion? If so, are you referring to romantic, employment, or family situations?~~

4. ~~Do you believe that the African-American gay community has problems with skin color in general? If so, explain why you believe this.~~

~~B. Group Questions **(Please answer these questions within the context of the topic your group is assigned)**:~~

1. ~~How have issues of skin color affected you emotionally or psychologically, if at all?~~

2. ~~Do you continue to be affected by these experiences?~~

3. ~~How have you confronted and/or resolved issues related to skin color?~~

Is It A Matter of Color?

Do you only date dark-skinned men?

Do you subscribe to the notion that the lighter, the better?

Do you suffer discrimination based on your complexion?

Did your parents express preferences concerning skin color?

Share with us your own experiences regarding these issues

a handout

Discussion Outline
for
Family of Choice Discussion Topic
Sunday, May 11, 1997

THERAPY

Identify FAMILY OF CHOICE
and why we need one
What is to gained or lossed

Definition
Problem
Solution
Resolution
(Plan of action)

Discussion Areas:

What is family?

Family of Origin
    What it is? What it Ain't?
    Supportive & Loving -vs- Destructive & Divisive

Family of Choice
    Importance, why have one?
    Components, who, what, why?
    Relationships

Problems: **(Audience Supplied)**

Parents, the good, the bad and the ugly
In Whose Best Interest?
Separate and not Equal
Other

Opportunities: **(Audience Supplied)**

How do we strengthen/acknowledge both families?
Using the law to our advantage
A Guide to Creating a Plan

Breakout groups:

Can we handle this?
Logistics?

Literature:

Tounges Untied
Looking for LANGSTON
SET IT OFF

Movies: Boys In the Band
Torch Song Trilogy
Others

? IN THE LIFE
BROTHER to Brother

Books: E. L. Harris (Invisible Life, Just As I Am, This Too Shall Pass)
Others

MILKING BLACK BULLS
CEREMONIES - Essex Hemphill

GROUP QUESTIONS

A. Discussion Topics:

1. Do you prefer dark skinned men? Fair skinned men? If so, do you hesitate to date a person who does not meet your preference, and why?

2. Did your family ~~parents~~ place an importance on skin color? If so, explain the manner in which they conveyed distinctions regarding color.

3. Do you believe that others have discriminated against you because of your complexion? If so, are you referring to romantic, employment or family situations?

Continues to have challenges

4. Do you believe that the African-American gay community has ISSUES ~~problems~~ with skin color in general? If so, provide examples of these problems.

B. Follow-up Questions **(Please utilize these questions as guidelines to discuss the topic assigned to your group)**:

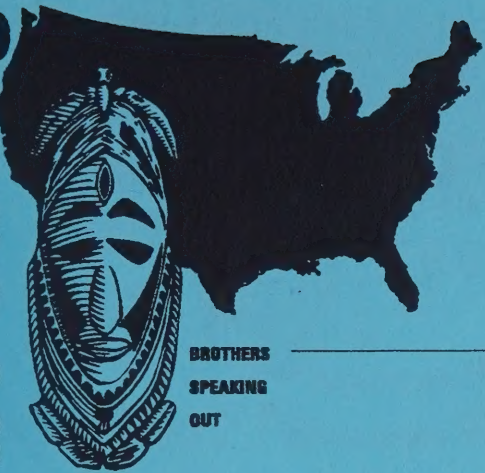
1. How have issues of skin color affected you emotionally or psychologically, if at all?

2. Do you continue to be affected by these experiences?

3. How have you confronted and/or resolved issues related to color?

GROUPS	**TOPICS**
1 & 5 & 9 & 13	One
2 & 6 & 10 & 14	Two
3 & 7 & 11 & 15	Three
4 & 8 & 12 & 16	Four

2ND SUNDAY



BROTHERS
SPEAKING
OUT

May 11, 1997
6:30 p.m.

City Hall East
Pheonix Room
675 Ponce de Leon Ave

What is family about
How do we keep family strong

Family of Choice

?

Don't forget your potluck dish.

2nd Sunday Ad Hoc Committee Presents:

Freedom△Retreat

July 18-20, 1997

on Sassafras Ridge Mountain
in historic Turtletown, Tennessee

$35.00 members; $50.00 non-members

Enhance your *awareness*...
Experience the *serenity*...
Exercise your *attitude*...
Enjoy the *fellowship*...

Retreat Workshops:

Being Out: self, family, and community
Sex and Sexuality
Building Community
Relationships: partners, friends, & trade
HIV / AIDS: impact & response

Retreat Attractions:

Bonfires, Hiking
Bar-B-Que, Meditation
Nature trails,
White water rafting
Birdwatching
Fishing , Jet skiing

RESULTS

regeneration, relaxation, renewal, & revival
for ourselves, families, and community

Retreat includes workshops, dinner on Friday, 3 meals on Saturday, brunch on Sunday and activities. Some attractions are available for additional fees.

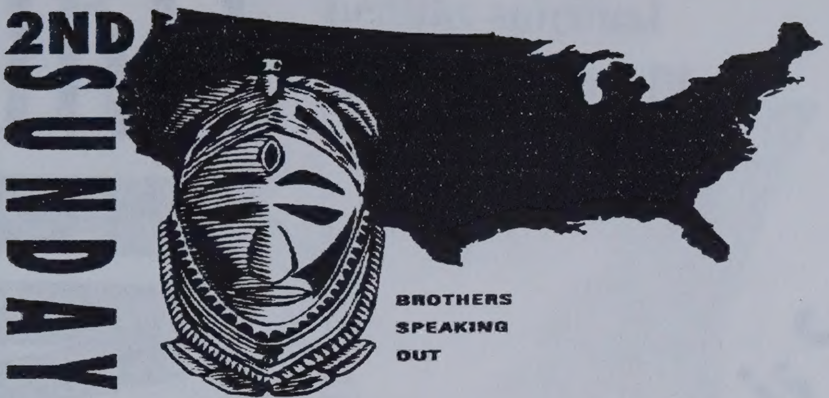
Payment due by June 30, 1997.

2ND SUNDAY

BROTHERS
SPEAKING
OUT

WHEN: March 22, 1998
TIME: 5:00 - 7:00 P.M.
WHERE: The Lambda Center
828 W. Peachtree
WHAT: FORTY-PLUS (40+)
Discussion Group Meets

- **TOPIC: HEALTH AND FITNESS---CARDIOLOGY AND YOU Everything you wanted to know about maintaining a strong heart but was afraid to ask.**
- Come and register. There are only 25 of 50 slots left for membership in this discussion group geared for brothers thirty-five years young and older.
- Closing. Once the membership reaches 50 then the group will close for a period of three months before new members will be considered, but only as replacements for any of the 50 members who decide to drop out.
- Meet other brothers in this age group.
- Share your thoughts and feelings.
- Help make this an intimate discussion group.



FACILITATOR'S TRAINING

April 4, 1998
2-5 P.M. Lambda Center

Anyone planning on facilitating a 2nd Sunday topic will need to have attended this training. If you are interested in attending the training you must sign up no later than March 8, 1998. You may do this in one of two ways: 1) By calling Freddie or Robert at 770/496~4338; or 2) By contacting either of them directly at the March 8th 2nd Sunday meeting.

The training will, among other skills, help you to:

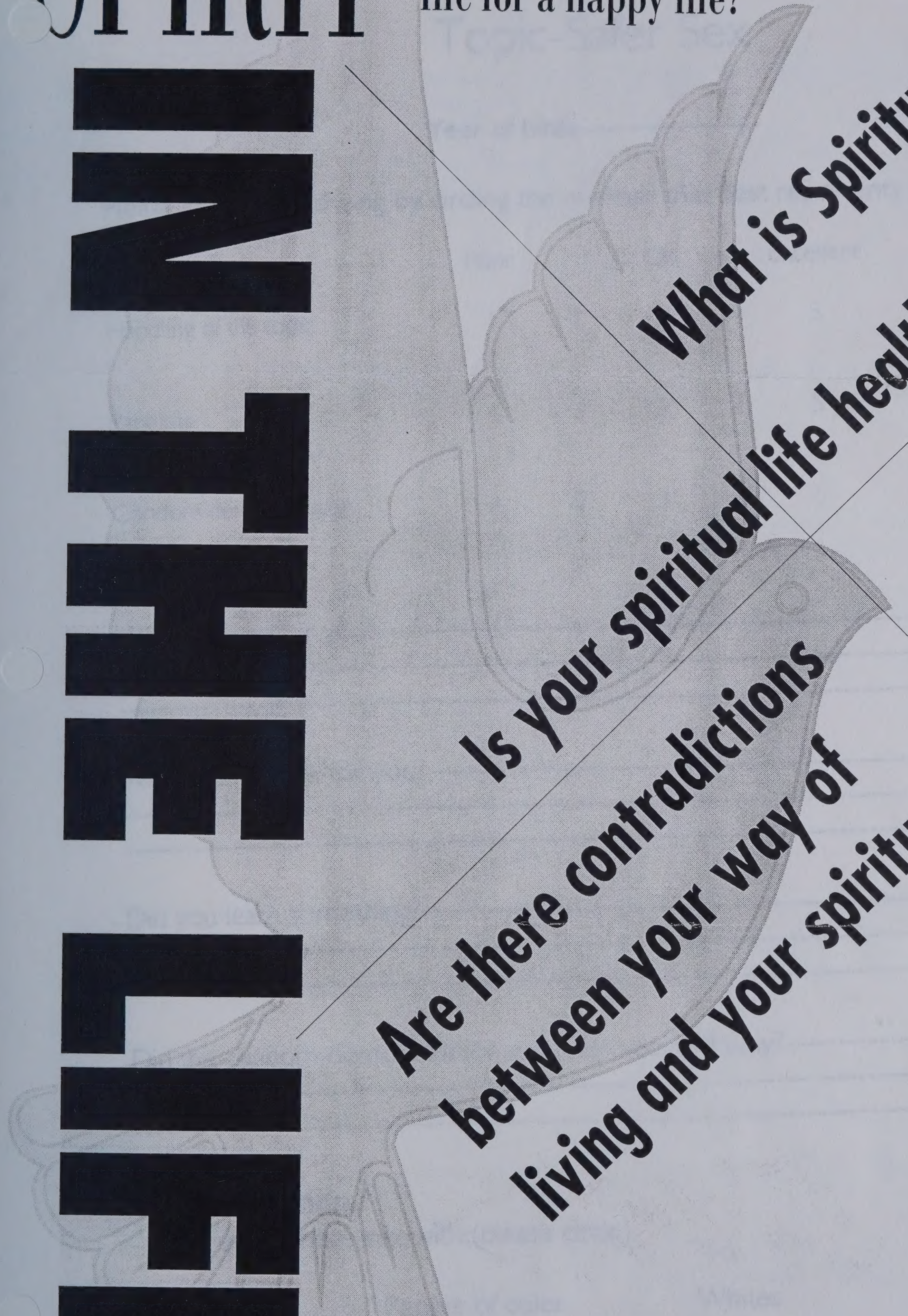
- Develop your topic;
- Build rapport with your audience;
- Encourage audience participation;
- Distinguish between the importance of breakout groups as well as keeping everyone together;
- Explore common obstacles to the group process with brothers who have already facilitated at least one 2nd Sunday topic.

If you have an interest in facilitating or helping to facilitate a topic at the 2nd Sunday meeting, this training will be helpful in encouraging you.

Remember: The deadline to sign up is March 8, 1998.
Come out and support the tradition of making the topics at the 2nd Sunday meetings enlightening for all of the brothers.

SPIRIT IN THE LIFE

Don't you think you need a healthy spiritual life for a happy life?



What is Spirituality

Is your spiritual life healthy

Are there contradictions between your way of living and your spirituality

Volunteers are needed to sit on a panel to discuss/share your spiritual life.

Please contact Badilli Jones
770-939-4739

Sunday, April 12, 1998
6:30–8:30 pm.
City Hall East
Phoenix Room
675 Ponce de Leon Ave.

2ND SUNDAY
BROTHERS SPEAKING OUT

ADMISSION: 2nd Sunday Members FREE • Non-members $3.00

Topic-Safer Sex

Year of birth-----------------

Please rate the following by circling the number that best represents your opinion

	Poor		OK		Excellent
Handling of the topic	1	2	3	4	5
Panelists	1	2	3	4	5
Condom demonstration	1	2	3	4	5

What worked for you?--

What didn't work for you?--

Did you learn something?--

Did the condom demonstration work for you and why?------------------------------

Bonus question,
You prefer to have sex with:(please circle)

Blacks

People of color
(Blacks & Latinos)

Whites

No Preference

If you attended last week's Second Sunday meeting:
Please Check Here ________

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Year of birth-----------------

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Did the condom demonstration work for you and why?------------------------------

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Bonus question,

You prefer to have sex with:(please circle)

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People of color
(Blacks & Latinos)

Whites

No Preference

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Please Check Here ________

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P.O. Box 301

Atlanta, Georgia 30301

404-325-7321

SECOND SUNDAY PRESENTS

HIV NEGATIVE
AND
HIV POSITIVE

A DIALOGUE AMOUNG BROTHERS

Do you choose your dating partner based on his HIV status?
How can HIV positive and negative men be supportive of each other?
Is there a stigma to being HIV infected?
Is there a lack of support services for HIV negative Brothers?

LOCATION

City Hall East
Phoenix Room
675 Ponce de Leon

2nd Sunday, September 14, 1997
6:30 p.m. sharp

REMEMBER:

Purchase your Second Sunday T-shirt, the prices are $12 for members and $15 for non-members.

Elections for standing committee co-coordinators happen in October. Become involved in the leadership of Second Sunday and run for a position. See your Co-Chairs or any steering committee member for details.

Second Sunday is a potluck so remember to bring a dish.

James Laching

(720) 996-1307

7204149908

(720)3961236 Richard ?

PO Box 78571
Atlanta, GA 30357-2571

20 October 1997

Greetings:

To my dismay, it is necessary to inform you that the Second Sunday Financial Planning Workshop scheduled for 26 October has been postponed due to lack of interest. However, we are hoping to schedule a similar program sometime in the spring.

In the interim, I am forwarding your pre-registration form to the professionals who have agreed to participate with us and they will be contacting you directly. Most have already agreed to complimentary initial consultations with our members. I am including the names and phone numbers of the professionals who your information has been forwarded to. Please feel free to contact them proactively, or to call me with any questions: 404-873-0144.

Thanks for you interest and understanding.

Sincerely,

Everett B. White
Topic Committee Member

2ND SUNDAY
BROTHERS SPEAKING OUT

November 15, 1997

Dear Brothers:

The Steering Committee has decided to hold quarterly meetings for paid-members. We believe that these meetings will provide opportunities for you to have more direct input into the functioning of the organization.

The first meeting will be held on Sunday, November 23, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at The Lambda Center. The main item on the agenda will be a discussion on whether Second Sunday should seek 501(c)3 status.

In addition to this discussion, there will be a question and answer session. This will be a time for you to ask questions and make comments about anything that is going on in Second Sunday.

This is a very important meeting and we hope you will join us.

Sincerely,

Ulester V. Douglas
Ulester V. Douglas
Co-Chair

Craig Washington
Craig Washington
Co-Chair

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2ND SUNDAY
BROTHERS SPEAKING OUT

January 26, 1998

Dear Brothers,

Two years ago Second Sunday underwent major structural changes which included the election of an executive committee whose main function is to ensure that the organization's mission and goals are actualized. This committee is made up of two co-chairs, a secretary, a treasurer and a historian.

Elections for all five positions take place in March annually and any paid-member can run for these positions. This year's elections will be one of the items on the agenda for our next quarterly meeting which is scheduled for March 29, 1998 at the Lambda Center. The meeting starts at 6:30 PM and is opened to paid-members only. This is a very important meeting and I hope you make a commitment to attend.

I will not be seeking re-election as co-chair and I encourage you to consider running for this position or perhaps one of the other three. If you are elected you will be instrumental in shaping the future of this powerful and special organization.

If you are interested in being a candidate for any of the four positions, please let me know in writing by March 1, 1998. Mail your letter of interest to: Second Sunday - P. O. Box 310 - Atlanta GA 30301.

Sincerely,

Ulester

Ulester V. Douglas,
Co-Chair

P.O. Box 310 • Atlanta Georgia 30301 • 404-325-7321

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BROTHERS SPEAKING OUT

Dear Brother,

May the New Year bring forth increased blessings for you! Second Sunday will be implementing some changes starting at our January 11th meeting. We would like to take this opportunity to briefly explain those changes and to ask for your support.

As we mentioned in our December mailing, we will request non-members provide a $3.00 donation for admission to Second Sunday meetings. Paid members need only show their membership cards at the Phoenix Room door. Those members who don't have their card with them can submit their name at the door.

If you are not a Second Sunday member, we encourage you to become one. The annual membership fee is $30.00. If you are already a member, please remember to renew your membership as soon as possible. Your membership dollars are vital to the health of your organization. Membership fees will be adjusted to a prorated basis. When we implemented membership status in January 1996, we promised you there would be certain benefits (i.e. discounts, "freebies", etc.). For the most part those "material" benefits have not come through - we sincerely apologize for that. However, we believe that your membership has inherent value for you and brothers like you. Your support dollars help sustain Atlanta's largest organization created by and for gay/bisexual men of African descent. If you haven't joined yet, becoming a member says that you want to have a dynamic space for us to meet, share and learn from one another. It means that you are not a passive spectator but rather an active participant in building community amongst black gay men.

We look forward to seeing you at our January gathering which will feature a special acknowledgement of Second Sunday's fifth anniversary. Please feel free to bring a friend who has not yet attended a meeting. Thank you for your love and continued support. If you have any questions or comments, please call the Second Sunday voicemail at 404-325-7321.

Ulester Douglas
Co-Chairman

Craig Washington
Co-Chairman

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3. Please briefly define the following terms and whether they have positive or negative connotations for you.

Queen - Super Flaming Gay Person

Butch Queen - Not so obvious gay person who enjoys anal sex

Sissy - fag

Trade - Bisexual male

Drag Queen - man dressed like woman

BBoy - Hip Hop flavored male

Top - fucker

Bottom - fuckee

Versatile - can fuck or be fucked

4. Name the community which is of the most importance to you

BISO Dual

5. Name all of the communities to which you belong

Bisexual, gay, straight

6. Do you believe that there is a Black gay community?

Yes

If so is it functioning properly?

with seats

7. What do you feel is the function of community?

8. What improvements would you advise for your communities

9. What will you commit to do for your communities this year?

10. Do you value the ideal of community?

Any additional comments:

Thank you

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3. Please briefly define the following terms and whether they have positive or negative connotations for you.

Queen USUALLY A GRAND DIVA WITH NO PURPOSE

Butch Queen

Sissy A REAL EFFIMINATE MALE

Trade "PIECES", SEXUAL ENCOUNTERS THAT ARE SELF-SERVING WITH NO CHANCE OF A RELATIONSHIP

Drag Queen MALE THAT IMPERSONATES FEMALE IMAGES

BBoy HARD CORE GAY MALE SHOWING NO INDICATION OF HOMOSEXUAL TENDENCIES.

Top DOMINANT POSITION IN A HOMOSEXUAL ACT

Bottom SUBMISSIVE POSITION IN A HOMOSEXUAL ACT

Versatile WILLING TO BE DOMINANT +/OR SUBMISSIVE IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE SEXUAL PLEASURE,

4. Name the community which is of the most importance to you

GAY COMMUNITY

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5. Name all of the communities to which you belong

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6. Do you believe that there is a Black gay community?

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If so is it functioning properly?

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7. What do you feel is the function of community?

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8. What improvements would you advise for your communities

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9. What will you commit to do for your communities this year?

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10. Do you value the ideal of community?

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Any additional comments:

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Thank you

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3. Please briefly define the following terms and whether they have positive or negative connotations for you.

Queen Effeminate male / Sharp Dresser

Butch Queen Contradiction

Sissy

Trade

Drag Queen

BBoy

Top

Bottom

Versatile

4. Name the community which is of the most importance to you
(Black) African American

5. Name all of the communities to which you belong

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6. Do you believe that there is a Black gay community?

________________________________ maybe

If so is it functioning properly?

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7. What do you feel is the function of community?

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8. What improvements would you advise for your communities

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9. What will you commit to do for your communities this year?

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10. Do you value the ideal of community?

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Any additional comments:

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Thank you

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3. Please briefly define the following terms and whether they have positive or negative connotations for you.

Queen neg

Butch Queen neg

Sissy neg.

Trade positive

Drag Queen neg.

BBoy neg-

Top positive

Bottom positive

Versatile positive

4. Name the community which is of the most importance to you

gay community

5. Name all of the communities to which you belong

none

6. Do you believe that there is a Black gay community?

unsure

If so is it functioning properly?

not known

7. What do you feel is the function of community?

knowledge

8. What improvements would you advise for your communities

Knowledge

9. What will you commit to do for your communities this year?

not known

10. Do you value the ideal of community?

yes

Any additional comments:

Thank you

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3. Please briefly define the following terms and whether they have positive or negative connotations for you.

Queen NEGATIVE - ONE WHO WALKS WITH A SASCHE, ACTS FAKE + GRAND

Butch Queen

Sissy A BABY QUEEN - (SEE ABOVE)

Trade MY TYPE OF MAN!! RUFF / NOT NECESSARILY BACKKE BUT CAN BE

Drag Queen MAN/WOMAN WHO DRESSES AS OTHER SEX FOR A living (money)

BBoy ONE WHO DRESSES IN HIP HOP FASHION / LOOKS "RUFF" BUT MAY NOT BE.

Top ONE WHO CLAIMS HE only fucks I.E. IS THE fucker!!

Bottom ONE WHO claims HE only gets fucked I.E. IS THE fuckee!!

Versatile MORE REALISTIC - CAN GO EITHER WAY.

4. Name the community which is of the most importance to you

BLATINO

5. Name all of the communities to which you belong

BLACK, HISPANIC, AMERICAN, GAY, etc

6. Do you believe that there is a Black gay community?

YES, IT IS IN THE CLOSET MAINLY

If so is it functioning properly?

NO!!

7. What do you feel is the function of community?

To Bring People Together In A common goal of progress. For the Betterment of All.

8. What improvements would you advise for your communities

Honest Communication, Coming out of closets!! If only to Ourselves

9. What will you commit to do for your communities this year?

All Booked up!!

10. Do you value the ideal of community?

YES

Any additional comments:

Thank you

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3. Please briefly define the following terms and whether they have positive or negative connotations for you.

Queen positive: a man in the life who appropriates feminine social role/behavior expectations

Butch Queen positive: a Queen who portrays masculine social behaviors

Sissy negative/unless mutually used & understood as a term of endearment

Trade positive

Drag Queen So very positive! A male who "becomes" a female character & "reads" (interprets her/his reality)

BBoy

Top ? - never met one

Bottom oh!

Versatile

4. Name the community which is of the most importance to you

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5. Name all of the communities to which you belong

AA / ~~ga~~ In-the-Life / Scholarly / Middle Class / Male / Feminist / AIDS research /

6. Do you believe that there is a Black gay community?

Yes, I prefer African-Americans In-the-Life

If so is it functioning properly?

Don't know?

7. What do you feel is the function of community?

Meets needs as self-consciously defined by its members

8. What improvements would you advise for your communities

9. What will you commit to do for your communities this year?

10. Do you value the ideal of community?

Yes, I do!

Any additional comments:

Thank you

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3. Please briefly define the following terms and whether they have positive or negative connotations for you.

Queen Very Negative

Butch Queen Neg (a Nice way to be Nasty.)

Sissy Very Very Negative

Trade Neg (we all Know that means one thing.

Drag Queen Neg (unless thats What you Do for a living)

BBoy OK Not for Myself

Top OK if you want to use this

Bottom OK if you want to use this.

Versatile OK - if you want to uses this

4. Name the community which is of the most importance to you

Where I live. I want it Safe and Quiet

5. Name all of the communities to which you belong

Neborhood

6. Do you believe that there is a Black gay community?

Not in atlanta

If so is it functioning properly?

NO (Not @ all

7. What do you feel is the function of community?

Support the Members that inhabit it.

8. What improvements would you advise for your communities

9. What will you commit to do for your communities this year?

Don't Know Nothing

10. Do you value the ideal of community? Yes Very Much

Any additional comments:

I dont thinK that there is any Black gay Community in atlanta and if there is I have yet to See it.

Thank you

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3. Please briefly define the following terms and whether they have positive or negative connotations for you.

Queen A gay man, usually of extensive feminame qualities

Butch Queen A gay man, with Versitile mannerism

Sissy A feminame gay man

Trade A gay man who usually hustler

Drag Queen A Male transvestite

Banjee Boy BBoy A gay man, usually of extensive masculine qualities

Top A gay man whose sexual practices involves being the "fucker"

Bottom " " " " " " " " "fuckee"

Versatile " " " " " " both sexual expressions

4. Name the community which is of the most importance to you
AFRICAN - American & GAY Community

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5. Name all of the communities to which you belong

African-American / Gay / Black Gay

Atlanta — etc.

6. Do you believe that there is a Black gay community?

Yes

If so is it functioning properly?

7. What do you feel is the function of community?

To protect it's members

8. What improvements would you advise for your communities

More love

More respect

More Caring

9. What will you commit to do for your communities this year?

Continue w/ Second Sunday

AIDS WALK ATLANTA

10. Do you value the ideal of community?

Yes

Any additional comments:

Thank you

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Like nigga you have to be careful who says it.

Queen Fun

Butch Queen Fun

Sissy great friends Supporters (not nessesarily gay)

Trade (Pos) Sex. only

Drag Queen (Positive) I dont understand but do Admire the queens of the bunch

BBoy James E. Hardy (Positive)

Top (Negative) (The man) The one who delivers the mail.

Bottom (Negative) the man who ansewrs the door recieves the mail man

Versatile The Shitt! (Positive) Fredom (allows choices)

4. Name the community which is of the most importance to you

Still Looking.

2

5. Name all of the communities to which you belong

6. Do you believe that there is a Black gay community?
Yes,

If so is it functioning properly?
It needs some/more/work
Recognize the power of #'s

7. What do you feel is the function of community?
Support, Survival, advancement

8. What improvements would you advise for your communities
Learn to respect yourself and each other
~~[illegible]~~ Learn to love yourself

9. What will you commit to do for your communities this year?
Volunter for youth
Help it, and myself

10. Do you value the ideal of community?
As long as there is individual freedom.

Any additional comments:

Thank you

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3. Please briefly define the following terms and whether they have positive or negative connotations for you.

Queen negative. very feminine acting male

Butch Queen Negative. masculine acting female LESBIAN

Sissy negative. effeminate male.

Trade negative.

Drag Queen Positive. cross-dressing performer

BBoy

Top only penetrates during sex

Bottom receives during sex

Versatile open to both options

4. Name the community which is of the most importance to you

Human

9

5. Name all of the communities to which you belong

gay, male, Human, caribbean, creative, theatre going

6. Do you believe that there is a Black gay community?

yes

If so is it functioning properly?

functioning. properly is open to interpretation

7. What do you feel is the function of community?

support

8. What improvements would you advise for your communities

cohesion

9. What will you commit to do for your communities this year?

volunteer time & resources

10. Do you value the ideal of community?

yes

Any additional comments:

Thank you

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Queen negative

Butch Queen negative

Sissy negative

Trade negative

Drag Queen negative

BBoy POSITIVE

Top positive

Bottom negative

Versatile Positive

4. Name the community which is of the most importance to you

ISLAMIC COMMUNITY

5. Name all of the communities to which you belong
BLACK GAY COMMUNITY / ISLAMIC COMMUNITY / MILITARY COMMUNITY / General BLACK COMMUNITY.

6. Do you believe that there is a Black gay community?
Yes

If so is it functioning properly?
Yes, But be better, no Togetherness in Atlanta. We should have things of our own.

7. What do you feel is the function of community?
TO help bring African/Black gay people Together, and take care of their concerns.

8. What improvements would you advise for your communities
For the Black GAY Community, We should Want To have things of our own, stop depending on the outside. "Togetherne

9. What will you commit to do for your communities this year?
support Black Gay groups as much as possible

10. Do you value the ideal of community?
Yes

Any additional comments:
Second Sunday is doing a great job in bringing gay black folks together.

Thank you

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3. Please briefly define the following terms and whether they have positive or negative connotations for you.

Queen______________________________

Butch Queen______________________________

Sissy______________________________

[✓ Trade]______________________________

Drag Queen______________________________

[✓ BBoy]______________________________

[✓ Top]______________________________

Bottom______________________________

[✓ Versatile]______________________________

4. Name the community which is of the most importance to you

African American Community

5. Name all of the communities to which you belong

A/A, Gay, Business Profession, Christian

6. Do you believe that there is a Black gay community?

Sort of.

If so is it functioning properly?

No

7. What do you feel is the function of community?

To lend support, guidence, leadership to the members within the community.

8. What improvements would you advise for your communities

Unity

9. What will you commit to do for your communities this year?

lend more Support.

10. Do you value the ideal of community?

Yes

Any additional comments:

Thank you

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3. Please briefly define the following terms and whether they have positive or negative connotations for you.

Queen A flamboyant gay male — unk

Butch Queen A flamboyant gay male that tries to be masculine to avoid being stereotyped as a queen — neg.

Sissy a Bitch ass nigga — neg

Trade a Bi/Gay male that endulges in gay sex but places limits on his participation — unk

Drag Queen a man that dresses like a woman — unk

BBoy A Bi-sexual male that carries himself in a way to suggest that his up bringing was in the streets — unk

Top a Gay male that has no desire to be penetrated

Bottom a Gay male that has no desire to penetrated a man

Versatile a Gay male that is sexually stimulated as a top and a botto

4. Name the community which is of the most importance to you
The Black communities

5. Name all of the communities to which you belong

NONE

6. Do you believe that there is a Black gay community?

UNK.

If so is it functioning properly?

UNK.

7. What do you feel is the function of community?

To empower one another that are like minded on the stance taken or the experience undergone.

8. What improvements would you advise for your communities

To involve oneself with the issues that affect the purpose for having a community in the 1st place

9. What will you commit to do for your communities this year?

To inform myself and to be aware of more to encourage my envolvement

10. Do you value the ideal of community?

yes

Any additional comments:

I'm glad this organization exist and I look forward to being more active as I become more and more comfortable with the exceptance of my sexually perference

Thank you

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3. Please briefly define the following terms and whether they have positive or negative connotations for you.

Queen Depends on who is using the terms

Butch Queen Depends

Sissy Depends

Trade Depends

Drag Queen Depends

BBoy ~~Bo~~ Neither

Top Neither

Bottom Neither

Versatile Neither

4. Name the community which is of the most importance to you

Black, Gay Community

5. Name all of the communities to which you belong

Black, Gay, Black Gay.

6. Do you believe that there is a Black gay community?

Yes

If so is it functioning properly?

Not yet,

7. What do you feel is the function of community?

To exist + support it's Members

8. What improvements would you advise for your communities

Brother hood sisterhood Love trust etc.

9. What will you commit to do for your communities this year?

Every thing I can to destroy internalized homophobia

10. Do you value the ideal of community?

Yes

Any additional comments:

Peace + Love

Thank you

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3. Please briefly define the following terms and whether they have positive or negative connotations for you.

Queen______

Butch Queen______

Sissy______

Trade______

Drag Queen______

BBoy______

Top______

Bottom______

Versatile______

4. Name the community which is of the most importance to you

Black, GAY

4

5. Name all of the communities to which you belong
Religious

6. Do you believe that there is a Black gay community?
I some what Yes

If so is it functioning properly?
Average

7. What do you feel is the function of community?
to help our people,

8. What improvements would you advise for your communities
cut the attitude.
get to Know our people

9. What will you commit to do for your communities this year?
strive to be a better person, helping my people.

10. Do you value the ideal of community?
Yes

Any additional comments:
These questions answered are from the heart

Thank you

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3. Please briefly define the following terms and whether they have positive or negative connotations for you.

Queen Negative

Butch Queen Negative

Sissy Negative

Trade Neutral

Drag Queen Negative

BBoy Negative to African-American community

Top Neutral

Bottom Neutral

Versatile Neutral

4. Name the community which is of the most importance to you

Gay Business Community & African American community

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5. Name all of the communities to which you belong
African American, Business Community

6. Do you believe that there is a Black gay community?
Yes

If so is it functioning properly?
No. As dysfunctional as African-American community in general

7. What do you feel is the function of community?
Support and develop identity, presence and being a part of society.

8. What improvements would you advise for your communities
Individuals to take more of an introspective look at themselves and recognize their potential to become a collective force.

9. What will you commit to do for your communities this year?
I would patronize any business and support groups.

10. Do you value the ideal of community?
Yes

Any additional comments:

Thank you

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3. Please briefly define the following terms and whether they have positive or negative connotations for you.

Queen An efeminant Male Negative

Butch Queen A Hard efeminate male

Sissy a Soft male

Trade A Gay male that is undetectable

Drag Queen Man who dresses in Womans Apparel

BBoy Street Wise Gay man who survives

Top Sexually a Giver

Bottom Sexually a receiver

Versatile Can perform both acts pleasurably

4. Name the community which is of the most importance to you

Christian

5. Name all of the communities to which you belong

Christian, Black, Gay,

6. Do you believe that there is a Black gay community?

Yes

If so is it functioning properly?

No, it has too many negative connotations

7. What do you feel is the function of community?

Support, defend and promote the welfare of its members

8. What improvements would you advise for your communities

Increased Knowledge of others, Removal of the tendency to Judge

9. What will you commit to do for your communities this year?

Love others as I Love Myself.

10. Do you value the ideal of community?

Yes, the extended family is crucial

Any additional comments:

If a community does not have any positive features to offer and has several negative aspects, potential members will not become a part of the community.

Thank you

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3. Please briefly define the following terms and whether they have positive or negative connotations for you.

Queen Feminine – negative

Butch Queen having masculine tendencies

Sissy Very fem –

Trade There are some assumptions (masculine)

Drag Queen confused very negative

BBoy masculine

Top assuming aggressive position – usually masculine

Bottom only liking to be penetrated

Versatile Comfortable with both

4. Name the community which is of the most importance to you

My

5. Name all of the communities to which you belong

Black, gay

6. Do you believe that there is a Black gay community?

yes

If so is it functioning properly?

Through 2nd Sunday It is more than where I came from

7. What do you feel is the function of community?

To provide some common comfort zone to people of like interest

8. What improvements would you advise for your communities

Education to improve comfort levels of various groups. Expand levels of exposure ~~on~~ same sex relationships

9. What will you commit to do for your communities this year?

Raise my level of education on topics that ~~are not~~ I am not comfortable with

10. Do you value the ideal of community?

Very much so

Any additional comments:

Thank you

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3. Please briefly define the following terms and whether they have positive or negative connotations for you.

Queen FEM.

Butch Queen FAKE

Sissy YOUNG FEM. MALE

Trade HUSTLER

Drag Queen TRANSVET.

BBoy RUFFNECK - POS.

Top - DEMANDING

Bottom -

Versatile - REAL BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

4. Name the community which is of the most importance to you

[illegible] HUMAN RACE

5. Name all of the communities to which you belong
HUMAN, BLACK, GAY

6. Do you believe that there is a Black gay community?
YES

If so is it functioning properly?
NO!

7. What do you feel is the function of community?
PROVIDE IDENTY FOR INDIVIDUALS

8. What improvements would you advise for your communities
GET-REAL!

9. What will you commit to do for your communities this year?
FINANCIAL-SUPPORT

10. Do you value the ideal of community?
YES-HELP PROMOTE DAILY

Any additional comments:

Thank you

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3. Please briefly define the following terms and whether they have positive or negative connotations for you.

Queen______

Butch Queen______

Sissy Derogatory term for an effeminate male

Trade______

Drag Queen (male) A person who dresses in female clothes and revels in that fact.

BBoy______

Top a person who exclusively pleases their partner by penetrating them.

Bottom a person who exclusively pleases their partner by receiving their partners sex organ

Versatile a person who concentrates on pleasing his partner however necessary

4. Name the community which is of the most importance to you

Currently, my spiritual community

5. Name all of the communities to which you belong

Second Sunday, the Atlanta Church of Religious Science

the community of Atlanta Message Therapists

6. Do you believe that there is a Black gay community?

Yes; there are several

If so is it functioning properly?

Not to its' best potential.

7. What do you feel is the function of community?

To connect, spiritually, intelectually & physically for the greater good of that group.

8. What improvements would you advise for your communities

Regular, consistant communication in the form of a newsletter, magazine, etc. (No pun intended)

9. What will you commit to do for your communities this year?

I am able to contribute financially

10. Do you value the ideal of community?

Yes. Currently there could be more effort on 2nd Sun to connect more w/ other "communities" in our city

Any additional comments:

Thank you

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   F) Questioning G) Do not identify at all

3. Please briefly define the following terms and whether they have positive or negative connotations for you.

free / self actualized ident

Queen____________________

Butch Queen____________________

Sissy____________________

Trade____________________

Drag Queen____________________

BBoy Interesting; younger generational term

Rigid - often in personality

Top____________________

Bottom____________________

OK Versatile____________________

4. Name the community which is of the most importance to you
   At this point Church

F

5. Name all of the communities to which you belong
World / USA / GA / ATL / Neighborhood / Black / Color / Gay / Black Gay / Black Gay Male / Church

6. Do you believe that there is a Black gay community?
Yes

If so is it functioning properly?
Better than historically from what I can tell

7. What do you feel is the function of community?
① To support ② To provide alternatives ③ To create vehicles to promote community & gays

8. What improvements would you advise for your communities

9. What will you commit to do for your communities this year?
Join a gay org.

10. Do you value the ideal of community?
Yes

Any additional comments:
We (blk gays) are doing well. Let's know it and relate positively to each by first valuing self.

Thank you

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3. Please briefly define the following terms and whether they have positive or negative connotations for you.

Queen - extremely effeminate gay male - negative

Butch Queen - overly masculine male attempting to shield feminine traits - negative

Sissy - effiminate acting male, straight or gay - negative

Trade - overly masculine gay male, sometimes bi-sexual - positive & negativ

Drag Queen - male who impersonates females - negative

BBoy - gay man who impersonates a males in the hiphop culture - pos/neg

Top - Someone who thinks they only like to screw - negative

Bottom - someone who thinks they only like to get screwed - negative

Versatile Someone who likes to screw & get screwed. - positive

4. Name the community which is of the most importance to you
African-American

6

5. Name all of the communities to which you belong

African-American, Gay, Male, artist,

6. Do you believe that there is a Black gay community?

yes

If so is it functioning properly?

No

7. What do you feel is the function of community?

To unite african-americans in common goals

8. What improvements would you advise for your communities

communication & spiritual growth.

9. What will you commit to do for your communities this year?

Support

10. Do you value the ideal of community?

yes

Any additional comments:

Thank you

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3. Please briefly define the following terms and whether they have positive or negative connotations for you.

Queen A Brotha who emulates feminatty (NEG) A PERSON who STARTS up Trouble KEEP (NEG) VIBES

Butch Queen A BRotha who LOOKS LIKE A MAN But ACTS LIKE A GIRL (NEG)

Sissy A BrothA who hAS given up on (pos) INtergation INto productive Society (VIA) of gestures, Behaviors that are counter productive (NEG)

Trade A GAY MAN who SELLS street set TO othee GAY Brothas (NEG)

Drag Queen a Brotha who dresses in womans clothes for what ever reason / or a Brotha whos Known for fLAmboyANT Dress / Behavior (Neg)

BBoy A Brotha who's GAY But looks, ACTS, TAIKS, LIKE a stright up / masquline, Ghetto Nigga (pos)

Top Brothas TO pefer TO DICK other Brotha's only ~~AHol~~ (NOT Necessaly fem or Hard) (pos)

Bottom Brotha's who perfer give up ASS. only (NOT Negsary Hard or fem.) (pos)

Versatile Brotha's who enjoy Giving up Ass and giving up DICK (pos)

4. Name the community which is of the most importance to you

Brotha's who give neg. Attiudes TO other Brothas who ARE in the life AND HAVE to tAKE enough (NEG) Bullshit from stright society. and a lot of this NEG Attitude IS without provocation. (NEG)

5. Name all of the communities to which you belong

Spiritual, Academic,
~~work~~ / corporate,

6. Do you believe that there is a Black gay community?

yes

If so is it functioning properly?

NO

7. What do you feel is the function of community?

To promote productive Intergration
Into over all gobal community

8. What improvements would you advise for your communities

to cultivate ① spiritual commuture
② culture awareness
③ pos. sense of self
④ Acacdemic exellence

9. What will you commit to do for your communities this year?

Help promote attitudes, Behaviors
to Dete intercity Brotha's who Are
living Detramental Life styes, Tricking, Lying,
smoking crack

10. Do you value the ideal of community?

yes

Any additional comments:

Thank you

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   A

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   A

3. Please briefly define the following terms and whether they have positive or negative connotations for you.

Queen Effeminate gay man - Negative

Butch Queen Masculine-acting gay man - Negative

Sissy Effeminate gay man - Negative

Trade A person serving as a sexual liaison - Negative

Drag Queen Cross dresser - Negative

BBoy Hustler type - Neither positive nor negative

Top Dominant sexual partner / one who penetrates (Neither P nor N)

Bottom Passive sexual partner / one who is penetrated (Neither pos. nor Neg)

Versatile Either top or bottom (Neither Pos. nor Neg.)

4. Name the community which is of the most importance to you
   African-American community

5. Name all of the communities to which you belong

African American, gay

6. Do you believe that there is a Black gay community?

Yes

If so is it functioning properly?

Possibly

7. What do you feel is the function of community?

Contributes to our need to belong to a group

8. What improvements would you advise for your communities

More positive attitude

9. What will you commit to do for your communities this year?

Constructive criticism

10. Do you value the ideal of community?

Yes

Any additional comments: — —

Thank you

TOPIC: BLACK $

PREOPENING Q: Best financial advice

OPENER: "Getting in the bars on Labor Day

1 What would *you* do? And what message are you sending?

2 Aspects of spending
Individual
3
Community spending

2.

Are we getting our money's worth from the places we frequent?

comparison to white owned places are the services equally
reaching out to the ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ heterosexual community.

What do we get in return as individuals? As a community?

What ways can we demand more for our money/get better service?

Would you support a temporary boycott as a reaction to the scenario illustrated?

Alternatives to clubs?

Bar Scenario
Tommy Hilfiger scenario
resturant (service)

What other businesses/organizations/publications do we support?

2 What other businesses/organizations/publications support us?

F/t & p/t business owners

SEGUE

Our spending habits have brought a lot of us to the paycheck-to-paycheck life we lead.

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TAKING CONTROL OF OUR DESTINY: LEADERSHIP, ACTIVISM AND POLITICAL ORGANIZING

This month's Second Sunday will be a dynamic multi-faceted discussion. We will:

1. **Ratify the Bylaws**
2. **Prepare interested Second Sunday participants for leadership positions**
3. **Hear from community activist's who will give us tips on how we can strengthen our community of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered people of African descent.**

`Come motivated and prepared to make a difference.`

Sunday, March 10th at 6:30pm at:

Virginia-Highland Baptist Church (Reception Hall)
743 Virginia Ave, NE
Atlanta, GA
Intersection of Virginia Ave/Ponce De Leon Way (Across from Inman Middle School)

Please remember that this is a potluck. Your contributions are appreciated.

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Atlanta, GA 30314

For more information, call Second Sunday's voicemail at (404) 325-7321.

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR DETAILS ON LEADERSHIP POSITIONS.

We will be accepting nominations for the following positions:

Co-Chairman (2)
Duties
1. Be the Chief Administrative Officers of Second Sunday and spokesperson(s) for Second Sunday, or shall designate such representative(s);
2. Preside at all meetings of the membership of Second Sunday held for the purpose of conducting official business;
3. Make interim appointments as needed;
4. Provide a second signature with the Treasurer's on all checks for this organization;
5. Sign all contracts for Second Sunday or shall designate such representative(s);
6. Serve as ex-officio members of all committees except the nominations/elections committee(s);
7. Call special meetings when necessary;
8. Represent Second Sunday to the National Black Gay and Lesbian Forum or shall designate such representative(s);
9. Conduct balloting of the membership by mail when so directed by the Steering Committee; and
10. Perform all other functions normally associated with this office or as mandated by the Steering Committee an/or the membership, and in keeping with the stated goals of Second Sunday.

Secretary
Duties
1. Be responsible for recording and disseminating the minutes of all proceedings of the Steering Committee and meeting of the membership;
2. Respond to, distribute and maintain copes of the correspondence of Second Sunday at the direction of the Co-Chairmen; and;
3. Perform all other functions normally associated with this office and/or as mandated by the Steering Committee and/or the Co-Chairmen, and in keeping with the stated goals of Second Sunday.

Treasurer
Duties
1. Be the Chief Financial Officer of Second Sunday and have charge of all assets of this organization;
2. Certify the dues-paid status of members when appropriate;
3. Make financial reports to the Steering Committee at least once each quarter;
4. Sign, with one or the other Co-Chairmen, all checks for Second Sunday;
5. Maintain accurate records of the financial transactions of Second Sunday in accordance with the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and in accordance with the fiscal year of Second Sunday, which is July 1 through June 30 and;
6. Perform all other functions normally associated with this office and/or as mandated by the Steering Committee and/or the Co-Chairmen, and in keeping with the stated goals of Second Sunday.

Dear Brothers of Second Sunday:

As you probably already know I am the program coordinator of African-American gay outreach at AID Atlanta. I don't have to repeat to you the statistics concerning HIV infections as the concern African-American men who have sex with men.

What I have to tell you is that the program at AID Atlanta is in jeopardy. We risk not having a program that targets prevention specifically to African-American gay and bisexual men.

Currently the position of African-American gay outreach is a part time position. The past executive director, Jane Carr, having some awareness of the unique challenges of doing outreach work to African-American gay and bisexual men said that she would seek to establish the position of African-American gay outreach as a full time position.

Since here departure the interim director has informed me that not only will the position not be full time but it is not in the budget for next year. He further suggested that as I do outreach I should seek individual donations from my target population to fund the program.

Frankly, the lack of concern by the board of directors and the administration of AID Atlanta is reflective of the fact that the voice of African American gays and lesbians is not being heard. I have constantly said that if we do not express a concern for ourselves then no one else will. As brothers continue to be infected, this new revelation is another sign of the invisibility of African-American gay men.

We need to not only see that the program is funded but adequately funded to achieve the goals of having an impact on HIV prevention for African-American gay men. I am asking you to respond by writing or faxing your letters of concern to Vin Tighe, Interim Executive Director and Ken Britt, Chairperson of the Board of Directors. Ask, why is there no full time outreach to the African-American gay and bisexual community?

In addition the program continues to need volunteers and participants. I plan to have more frequent condom and information distribution outside the clubs that African-American gay men frequent. I need people to volunteer a few hours of their time to make up and/or distribute condom packets in the evenings on weekends.

I also need participants in the SAFE, SEXY and PROUD program. Although you are probably already well informed about safer sex this program seeks to go a little farther than safer sex especially as it concerns African-American gay men.

Finally I need to reconvene an African-American gay community advisory committee to the outreach. I know that your time is valuable but if I can have one hour of your time a month to discuss the outreach efforts and what needs to be done I would be grateful. Thank you.

Although my job is at stake its not about my job as much as it is about the concern and respect that AID Atlanta has for us all. Please stand up and be counted. If your communications don't receive the kind of attention we expect perhaps we will have to look at other ways of achieving what we need.

I love you all,

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Write to: Vin Tighe
AID Atlanta
1438 W. Peachtree Street, NW
Atlanta, GA 30309

or fax: Vin Tighe
404-885-6799

Call: Vin Tighe
404-872-0600

3:30PM (NOT 6:30PM)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 1996

WHEN ASKED OF YOUR SPIRITUAL BELIEFS DO YOU:

A) SMILE THOUGHTFULLY AND WAIT FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO BEGIN WITH THE DISCUSSION OF THEIR BELIEFS?

B) GIVE A FIRE AND BRIMSTONE SPEECH EXTERNALLY AND A "DESTINED FOR HELL" SPEECH INTERNALLY?

C) WISH YOU HAD SOMETHING SUSTAINING TO BELIEVE IN? SOMETHING GEARED TOWARD YOUR LIFE, YOUR LIVING AND YOUR SPIRITUAL EXISTENCE?

D) NONE OR ALL OF THE ABOVE?

WELL, ONCE AGAIN, WE'RE BEARDING THE LION IN ITS DEN, PULLING THE DEVIL'S TAIL AND PRAYING TO THE POWER(S) THAT BE FOR GUIDANCE AS WE DISCUSS...

"CONSTRUCTING A BLACK GAY SPIRITUALITY"

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Second Sunday March 10, 1996

Nominations

Topic Committees

Stering

Membership

activity fund

Public Relations

Education or Research (Aids)

absent Activist

Duncan Teague – for Bugs

Pat Hussain

Historian on Gays and Gays Right

Warren Williams & Queen

Labor Day Weekend

In the Life Atlanta = Black Gay Pride

formerly Black Gay Pride atlanta

3rd Sunday every month

770-996-4248

Queen Baily

African American Black Gay Men (Becoming Involved) Activism

Spell-man College — Black Gay Culture 85% Women

Where are the Brothers

Discussions about Political Involvement — No Obligation to members

"Queen" Where would you be

Acts of Perversion

Our Comfort Level

Invisible till 9 o'clock

Sister Energy

Brother Energy

Levels of Political Activity

Black men Suffer from lack of identity

Coming Out is a life long process

Silence Kills

Social Support

Middle Ground between out and in closet

Voting

Doug Stickel (independent)

Sally Ringold → Human Rights Campaign ←

HRC

GLAD

GaEq Project

HRC

80 thousand to Over 150 thousand

Based in Wash. DC 42 staff people dont live in DC

Capital Hill – Congress

Candace ~~Gigrich~~ Gingrich is a member

make President Listens

Employment non discrimination Act

sexual orientation

20 dollars a year to be a member

Leaning since 1986

Husband – SNOW queen

Religious Right

Sodomites

Supreme Court Justice

Federal Judges

Bob Dale likes him as person over Clinton

over vote for him

92% Republican Vote

40% Democrat Vote

Robert Bork

Mandy Carter

dump Jesse Helms Campaign

Clean Houses for a living

Houses

write a letter in closet

make phone calls

Atlanta Pride Committee

26 pride festival → Piedmont Park

June 28, 29 & 30

Kenneth Johnson

7:30 3rd Thursday Every month

Clairmont & 85 North

2-5 2 people
5-8
GLAF
875-3148
Phil

350-9378

303-3126
Troy

1 419 243-7551

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There are only a few items required...minimum $3, BYOB (if desired), and YOU!!!

Join the Brothers of Second Sunday!

Sunday, April 14th at 6:30pm

This month we will elect the officers for leadership positions. At the meeting, each candidate will answer the following questions:

1. Why is Second Sunday, an organization for Black gay, bisexual and transgendered men, important to you?
2. What is your vision for Second Sunday? How should Second Sunday serve the Black gay, bisexual, transgendered community now and in the future?
3. What experience and skills do you bring to this position?

And because we understand the importance of business and *pleasure*...

We will spend the second half of the meeting rapping, socializing and getting to know each other.

SEE YOU THERE!!!

Virginia-Highland Baptist Church (Reception Hall)
743 Virginia Ave, NE
Atlanta, GA
Intersection of Virginia Ave/Ponce De Leon Way (Across from Inman Middle School)

Please remember that this is a potluck. Your contributions are appreciated.

For more information, call Second Sunday's voicemail at (404) 325-7321.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

To the new officers of Second Sunday.

Co-Chairmen: Ulester Douglas and Craig Washington
Secretary: Edgar Richards
Treasurer: Robert Simmons

Our growth indicates the need and importance of organizations like Second Sunday. The election of our officers is just the beginning for new and exciting things to come. Come and see what we are about. Come and give your support.

Sunday, May 12th at 6:30pm

Mother's Day!

Please join the Brother's of Second Sunday in discussing
Our Relationship With Our Mothers

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HOUSEWARMING/ BIRTHDAY PARTY

HOST: Earl Joyner
LOCATION: 3256 Hwy 3
Hampton, GA 30228
DATE: Saturday, May 11, 1996
2pm-11pm

Enjoy food, music, horseshoes, volleyball, jacuzzi, bring games.

For more information, call (770) 707-1446.

RSVP ASAP

946-4287

Second Sunday Meeting
June 9, 1996 6:30 p.m.

Why
We
Cheat

Do all men cheat? Is it just a part of our nature?
What is an open relationship? What is commitment?
How would you feel if you walked in on your lover
doing the nasty with someone who wasn't you?
Is it really about making love or just having sex?
Where is the responsibility?

This and so much more.
Come ready to talk and socialize.

Don't forget your potluck dish.

WHERE CAN YOU EAT FOOD, PLAY GAMES, AND MEET OTHER BROTHERS 'In The Life'...

SECOND SUNDAY PICNIC

SATURDAY, JUNE 22ND
2PM-8PM

LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE POSTED ON SECOND SUNDAY'S VOICEMAIL BY JUNE 3RD. CALL 404.325.7321.

THIS IS A POTLUCK. A FOOD SIGN-UP SHEET WILL BE PASSED A ROUND AT THE JUNE 9TH MEETING.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN COMING AND WILL NOT BE AT THE NEXT MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT KEN CAREY AT 404.755.4319 OR KEVIN MADISON AT 404.622.3454.

JUST A REMINDER...

THE JUNE 9TH TOPIC MEETING IS HELD AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION:

VIRGINA-HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH (RECEPTION HALL)
743 VIRGINIA AVE, NE
ATLANTA, GA
INTERSECTION OF VIRGINIA AVE/PONCE DE LEON WAY
(ACROSS FROM INMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL)

Second Sunday Meeting
July 14, 1996 6:30 p.m.

We all chase men, but we're not the same.

Images of Black Gay Manhood

Top or Bottom or maybe you're versatile?
What does all this labeling mean anyway?
How are labels hindering, hurting
or adding to our pride?

Bi-sexual?
Is there really such a thing or are
you just fooling yourself?

Transgendered/Transsexual?
What's the difference? Have these images hindered
or progressed the plight of black gay men?

This and so much more.
Come ready to talk and socialize.

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Second Sunday Meeting
August 11, 1996 6:30 p.m.

Virginia-Highlands Baptist Church
corner of Virginia and Ponce de Leon Place

Beginnings...
Middles.....
Endings....
Never Endings.

- What are the best ways to begin a healthy relationship?

  Friends
  sexual partners

- When the honeymoon period is over, how do you keep the romance going?

  open honest communicati
  willingness to experimen

- How do you know when it's time to call it quits or time to keep pressing on?

  If he becomes violent

- If you decide it's over, can you end as friends no matter what?

  IN MOST SITUATIONS

- What does it take for a relationship to work?

  HONEST COMMUNICATION
  Flexibility, versatility/
  Determination & patie

Share your experience—the goods and the bads—
and what you have learned from it all.

Don't forget your potluck dish.

July 28, 1996

Dear Second Sunday Brother:

You helped make our First Annual Picnic an absolute success. The Activity Committee is working hard planning Second Sunday's First Annual Labor Day Event. As with the picnic, your support and attendance will be needed to make this a very special event too.

Labor Day is fast approaching and the Activity Committee has set several goals in conjunction with the scheduling of the event. They are:

1. To provide a space for brothers to gather during the Labor Day weekend.
2. To provide the best possible event.
3. To raise money for Second Sunday.

Your time, your energy, your support and donations are needed to make this event possible. Tickets will be sold at the August meeting for the Labor Day Event. In addition to regular donations, we are asking you to purchase a ticket. Besides defraying the cost of this event, proceeds from ticket sells and your donations will assist Second Sunday in hosting future events. Though the Activity Committee has been able to find alternatives to many needs, financially your support is critical to the success of this event. Additionally, many of you have guests coming from out of town and we are asking that you spread the word (and the sales!) beyond our Atlanta borders.

Finally, *physically*, we need you, too (*oooh...the anticipation*): We need volunteers to help with set-up and break down, passing out flyers, spreading the word, etc. We look forward to seeing you in August.

In Strength & Love,

The Activity Committee

SecondSunday

Atlanta's Premier Organization for Brothers In The Life

PRESENTS...

WHERE THE BOYS ARE '96

Saturday, August 31st
3PM-10PM

enjoy lakeside, entertainment, jacuzzi, music, food, games and much much more

$10.00 in advance/$15.00 at the door

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!

call **SecondSunday'S** voicemail for more information and tickets

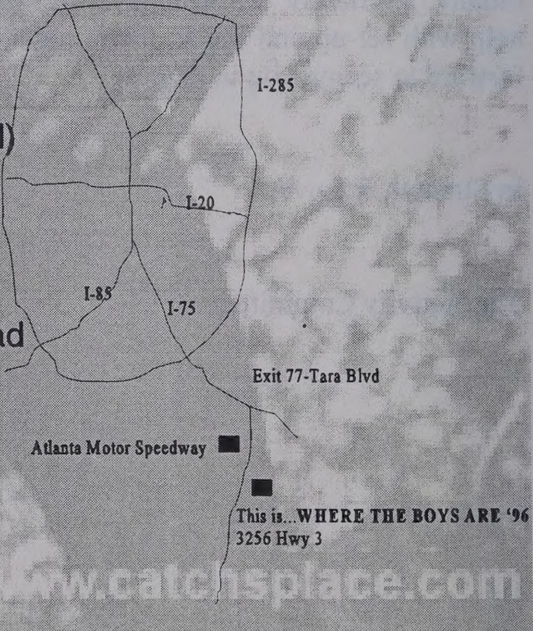
404 325 7321

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS LABOR DAY EVENT!!

Directions from downtown Atlanta:

Less than 20 minutes from downtown Atlanta

- Take I-75 South to exit 77 (Tara Boulevard)
- Take Tara Blvd approximately 17 miles
- See Atlanta Motor Speedway on the right
- Continue 1.5 miles
- Pass Sweeties Flea Market on right
- Make next U-Turn from opening on the road
- See 2517 mailbox on the right
- Make a right into driveway
- Proceed to the second house:
  3256 Hwy 3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I-20
I-85
I-75
Exit 77-Tara Blvd
Atlanta Motor Speedway
This is...WHERE THE BOYS ARE '96
3256 Hwy 3

www.catchsplace.com

September 23, 1996

Dear Brother,

Enclosed you will find a voter registration application. If you have not yet registered to vote, here is your opportunity. In order to vote in the 1996 General Election in Georgia, you must register by October 7th. I have also enclosed a Voter Information Guide that will answer questions you may have regarding procedure and specific county information.

Now more than ever, it is crucial that you exercise this precious choice. Our ancestors withstood slavery, Jim Crow, Civil Rights backlash, and countless other forms of discrimination so that we may enjoy the rights they never had. We now face a mean-spirited, well-organized movement that seeks to repeal the rights of people of color, women, gays and lesbians and others. Recent attacks such as anti-affirmative action legislation and the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) should make it clear that oppressive forces are coming for you! It is not enough to lament these conditions. As educated free-thinking citizens, we need to take action. You have a Voice! USE IT!

PEACE,

Craig Washington

Craig Washington
Co-Chairman
Second Sunday

Second Sunday Meeting
October 13, 1996 6:30 p.m.

Virginia-Highlands Baptist Church
corner of Virginia and Ponce de Leon Place

Love & HIV
Do they mix?

Would you date someone who is HIV positive?

Would you continue to date someone
after finding out he is HIV positive?

Can you afford to write someone
off because of HIV?

How has the dating game
changed since HIV became an issue?

This and much, much more.
Come ready to discuss,
to listen and to be enlightened.

Don't forget your potluck dish.

Second Sunday Meeting
November 10, 1996 6:30 p.m.

Virginia-Highlands Baptist Church
corner of Virginia and Ponce de Leon Place

An Evening with James Earl Hardy

Come to hear a reading from
this leading black, gay writer's new novel
Second Time Around.

Come with questions you've
always wanted to ask about his first novel
B-Boy Blues.

Come to discuss some of the
themes—such as sex, racism,
and role playing—covered in his work.

This and much, much more.
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and to be enlightened.

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October 1, 1996

Dear Brother,

We are hoping that you will join the Second Sunday Walk Team at the upcoming **AIDS Walk Atlanta** on **Sunday, October 20th - 1 pm at Piedmont Park**. If interested, you should call **(404) 876-WALK** to register. It is important that you register as soon as possible (Right after you read this!). **When you call , make sure you register with the Second Sunday Walk Team- our team number is 1032!** The sooner you register, the sooner you'll get a sponsor form where you can sign up sponsors. We believe walking as a team will send a powerful message to other brothers in the life and the Atlanta community at-large!

Please sign up as many sponsors as you can and ask for at least $1 per kilometer (that's $10). Ask your sponsors to pay when they pledge so you'll have the money in hand, and you won't have to make second trips to collect it. Sign-In begins at 1:00 pm and the opening ceremony starts at 1:30pm. After you sign in, report to the Second Sunday Team table (tables will be arranged alphabetically). Refreshments will be served at our table. The Walk starts at 2:00 and takes about 2-3 hrs to complete - its 10 kilometers (6.2 miles). Further info will be available at our October meeting. If you have any questions ,you can call me at (404) 872-0600 or AIDS WALK ATLANTA at (404)876-WALK.

PEACE,
Craig Washington
Craig Washington
Co-Chairman
Second Sunday

Season's Greetings

One of the real joys of the Holiday Season is the opportunity to say Thank You and to present you with the hope of a joyous and safe Holiday. There are many things to look forward to in 1997, such as Second Sunday membership and a number of exciting topics and activities. May the coming year bring you and yours Peace, Love, and Prosperity.

Happy Holidays
Second Sunday

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Happy Holidays
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BROTHERS Back 2 Back

CONCERT 96

Saturday
December 7
7:30 p.m.

THIRD Annual Gospel Celebration of Life

New Beginnings Full Gospel Baptist Church
923 ValleyBrook Rd Decatur, GA 30033

Admission one toy
all toys
will be
donated
to Childkind

The concert will feature national and local Gospel recording artists. Please join us in lifting the Gospel in song as well as celebrating another year of life.

BROTHERS Back 2 Back Inc.

For more information

con*tact*

770-593-5805

EM DESIGNS 634-0713

Adoi Muse
Contribution $15.00 cash
Toys - $30.00

Topic Committee > How we can help 2nd Sunday

✱ facilitator sets the Tone

Procedures & Policy are they in order and written — When can they be?

— Becomes a part of the membership booklet

surveys – Topics

calendar

Community (No pencils)

Breakout groups helps increase intimacy

participated individual groups (what happened in the groups and How it's representative of community)

comedic Relief ✱

[TIME]

Good choice of scenarios

[CONCERNS with group facilitators

Next months Topic APRIL

Badili Jones

The roads Less traveled

SPIRITUALITY

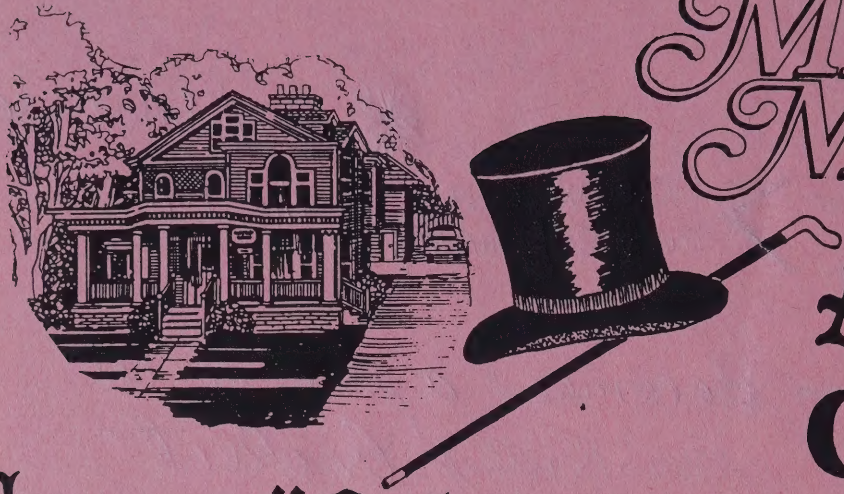
Define - healthy Spirituality

NON Christian traditions

How does it work for you?

5:30pm

MIDTOWN MANOR



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MAY - Topic ? Sexuality

Gay or Straight

2 MANHOOD

✓ Substance ABUSE

3 Sexual Practices

Nuturing Caregiving

Personal Power

2 ~~Family / mother & father~~

Wallace Henry
Robert Makis
Rev. Jones
Darryl
Craig, Johnson

mentoring

June - Community Tony Daniels

✓ Youth/mentoring

Interracial Dating

✓ Bisexuality

Top & Bottom - Redefine our sexuality Sterotypes

July = Sexual Practices / How are we having sex / (John Peterson) Jeff Woodyard CRAIG WASHINGTON

[illegible] -

August - Youth ~~Bisexuality~~

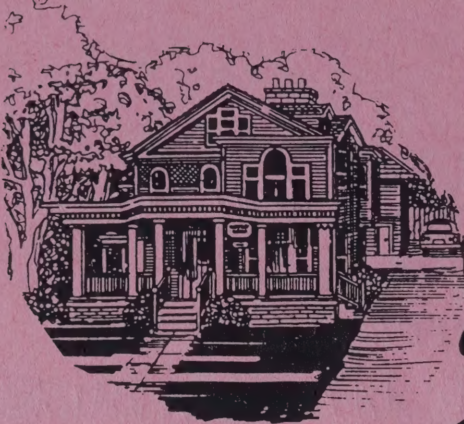
September ~~Washington~~ BLACK GAY MEN and the wkplace

October - MENTAL ~~[illegible]~~

November -

December -

MIDTOWN MANOR



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Nuturing Care giving

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Top & Bottom = Redifined our
(Sterotypes) sexuality

~~Blackmen~~ ~~B~~ (4) BLACK Gaymen and
the WorK Place

(3) Substance ABuse

(4) MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

(2) MANHOOD IN The GAY Community

Second Sunday
Topic committee
Policies and Procedures

WHEN

1. The topic committee meets every Tuesday, after 2nd Sunday.

WHERE

2.Meetings begin at 7:30 PM at the Lambda center.
828 West Peachtree St., Atl., Ga. 30308
Meetings are scheduled for 2 hrs.

WHO

The Co-Chairs of the topic committee are the contacts .
They are Freddy Johnson and Robert Mathis
Any concerns or inquiries should come through them , or directed to them, this does not however prohibit any active member of this committee from giving out information to interested Brothers.

How

3. To join the topic committee you only need to attend the regularly scheduled meetings.

4. The topic committee is responsible for choosing topics for discussion for
(a) the general monthly meeting, the 2nd Sunday of every month
(b) helping to choose a facilitator
(c) helping the facilitator fine tune his presentation
(d) assists the facilitator however possible IE., setting up the room , handing out materials , recording key parts of the discussion for viewing
(e) providing the brothers in attendance with surveys to evaluate the discussion, facilitator , and areas of interest for future discussion.

5. Facilitators training is provide quarterly for persons interested in facilitating a 2nd Sunday discussion. Facilitators training is a service provided by 2nd Sunday and the Topic Committee for the membership and does not exclude Brothers who have not attended a trying session from facilitating a discussion.

6..To facilitate a 2nd Sunday discussion , you should prepare a typed outline of your planned presentation to be presented at the meeting one month prior to the discussion. Please prepare at lest 15 copies to give to the committee.

7.The opportunity for feedback from the topic committee will take place at the meeting following the discussion you facilitate. This is the time to present any data obtained from the surveys given out during the discussion , as well as a copy of your final outline used for the discussion. This will be placed in the files for this committee for future references.

8.Elections of Co-Chairs takes place in October of every year and new Co-Chairs take office in November.

Written ~~proo~~ procedures for this committee

Pencils / scratch Paper

Place

Time

MEMBERSHIP - What Do you come to Second Sunday?

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Second Sunday
Topic Committee
Policy & Procedures

DEFINE

(1) The Topic Committee is responsible for choosing topics for discussion for (a) the general monthly meeting (2nd Sunday of every month), (b) helping to choose a facilitator (c) helping the facilitator fine tune his presentation (D) helping insure that the discussion goes smoothly (e) and providing survey to the membership to evalute discussion, facilitator, and areas of interest for future discussion.

When

(2) The Topic Committee meets every Tuesday after the 2nd Sunday

Where

(3) Meetings begin @ 7^{30}pm @ the Lambda Center, 828 West Peachtree Street ATL GA 30312, and are scheduled to last for 2hrs.

Policies

(4) The Co-Chairs of the topic committee are the 2 contacts, ~~they are~~ Robert Mattei and Freddy Johnson - any concerns or inquires about this committee should come ~~through them~~. This however does not prohibit anyway from contacting other member of this committee.

* Noise in the room - check it before hand
* Noise outside of the room
*

Change order

(5) ~~Facilitator training is provided Quarterly for persons interested in facilitating a second sunday discussion. Facilitators training is a service provided by Second Sunday and the Topic Committee for the membership and does not exclude Brethren who have not attended a training from facilitating as Second Sunday Discussion.~~

(6) ~~To facilitate a Second Sunday discussion, you should prepare and outline (written) of your planned presentation to the topic committee and present to the topic committee meeting.~~

(7) ~~How~~ ~~To join the Topic Committee you need only attend the topic committee meeting -~~

(8) The opportunity for feedback from the topic committee will take place @ the meeting following the Second Sunday meeting @ which you facilitate - this is the time to present any data obtained from the survey solicited.

(9) The outline should be submitted @ the meeting after you facilitate for the files of the topic committee

10. Elections of co chair take place in October and new [illegible] co-chair take office in November.

Craig Johnson - presenter for May
Family

I. meditative state where you are taken back to your childhood to examine your surroundings - acknowledge who our caretakers and family members were (are)

How do you propose to do this

cordless mic
panel in the audience
conversation between panelist and audience

Recap (overview of part I)

ASOs
(transition)

I Identifying their functions and the way in which they meet the needs of the community (mission statements / purpose)

WAYS to improve upon what they do, or the service they provide the community

II. ~~Collaborative~~ Coalition building in the community (Working together)
Do collaborative efforts and how they have worked or failed

Does community or is it supposed to ~~[illegible]~~ see
(What is the function of community)

If we (How can we improve our community)
will this improve our communities

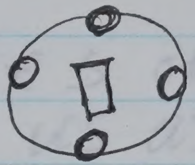
10. Elections of Co Chairs take place in October and [illegible] in November.

5^{30} pm
Pencils
name tAgs

Community Part II

Cordless mic
Panel in the Audience
— conversation between panelist and audience

Recap (overview of Part I)



LOOK at Community
Organizations
Business'
ASO's

transition

I Identifing their functions and the way in which they meet the needs of the community (mission statements / purpose)

WAYs to improve upon what they do, or the service they provide the community

II ~~Collaborative.~~ Coalition building in ~~the community~~ (Working together)
~~$~~ Do collaborative efforts and how they have worked or failed

Does community or is it supposed to ~~see support~~ see
(What is the function of community)

If we (How can we improve our comunities) will this improve our communities

III Individual Contributional Responsibility

What can we do individualy to help improve our communities?

Can we utilize the services offered in the community to better us as individuals.

Transparency

Give out the information gained from the survey

The Lambda Center
AESM
The Friendship committee
BWMT 1

ITLA
Brother Back to Back
Unity fellowship
Second Sunday - over 40 Brothas keeper
YAAMS
Zami / Fulami (2)

Name Tags

Strong Summary

6/13/98 - 2nd Saturday before
Second Sunday

Our need to belong to something

Family

← what is the objective of this discussion?

The purpose of this months discussion is to explore the concepts of family, what it means and what determinds family. Also to explore the different relationships and dynamics of family both biological and extended.

I: Guided Imagedry - excellent (facilitator can do this)

   A) Reflections of Caretakers.

      ~~1. Who they were.~~

      ~~2.Ohter family menbers.~~

      ~~3.Our relationships with each.~~

can be condensing 1-3

   B) Our Experiences ? why

      1. Positive

      2. Negative ?

   C) Personnal Roles

      1. Our role in the family unit.

      2. Needs / Wants

II: Family values / Personnal beliefs ? why

   1. Morals Installed.

   2. Personnal Beliefs.

   3. How they differ, how they are the same.

   4. Our Sexuality, how affect or does not affect the family.

draw parelles between biological and - now the brothers of second Sunday

We search for family where ever we are.

III: Biological / Extended

1. How they differ, how they are the same.

2. Which one do we relate to more and why?

3. Struggles to intergrate the two / keep them apart.

Excellent

how does this tie into the first half

IIII: Gay society and Family

think about this for a moment

1. What does the term "family" mean in black gay culture?

2. Is ther a sence of Family in black gay culture

IIIII: Closure

To close out the discussion the ideas and opinions shared will be reintroduced to let the audiences come to their own conclusion of what family is/and if there is family in our community so as to come up with a group solution.

this topic has been done before - where is the outline for that discussion

* Did Badili submit his Outline for the spirituality of so who has it?

brothers who have not formulated familys and where are they and is that a need we want to explore

Ask everyone to close their eyes and meditate on their childhood.

Have brothers to stand and give testamonies about what their childhoods were like.

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malik64@juno.com wrote:
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> Greetings!
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> I am responding to a message i received that you are seeking
speculative
> fiction from Black writers. I am intrigued. Please send me the
> submission details. You may either e-mail me at <malik64@juno.com> or
> send information USPS to:
>
> Malik M.L. Williams
> P.O. Box 92097
> Atlanta GA 30314-0097
>
> Thanks for your reply.
>
> Malik
>

Hi Malik,

I am glad that you are interested in submitting to the anthology, and I hope you will pass the word. It is my belief that the black sci-fi/fantasy/speculative community is far larger and diverse than what the publication records show today. My goal is to reach some of the most outstanding of these black writers (wherever they are in the universe) and bring them together for the reader's pleasure in one groundbreaking book.

Hopefully the collection will fill a void in the sci-fi literary canon. At this stage, we are providing writers with a blank check, so to speak. We would like to see exciting, visionary fully developed works--length is not an issue at this time; however, complete novellas cannot be accepted. Fully realized excerpts are fine. That's basically it, besides the obvious requirement that the author be black--from throughout the Diaspora. Other than this commonality, I don't wish to get too specific at this time. Like the science fiction genre, your imagination is the limit.

For the moment, send me your best work--whatever it is, as long as it

falls in the science-fiction, fantasy, or speculative fiction areas.
Keep in mind that this will be the first time such a collection has been undertaken...so brothers and sisters, your work has got to be tough!

Best wishes,

S.R. Thomas
Attn: Anthology
765 Amsterdam Avenue #3C
New York, NY 10025

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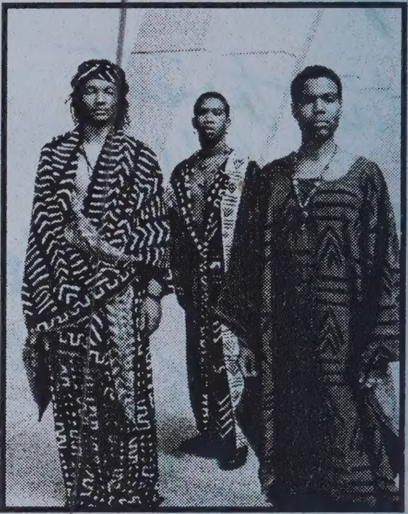
Second Sunday

Topic

Getting together
Hooking up
Having Sex
Can we do this without the comfort loyalty of a relationship?

ADODI Muse

A Gay Negro Ensemble



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doors open at 8pm
show begins at 8:30
admission: $7.00

Black History Performance

Friday, February 27th

Come and share with Tony Daniels, Duncan Teague and Malik Williams as they take a provocative, comedic, entertaining journey into the lives of African-American lesbians and gays in history!

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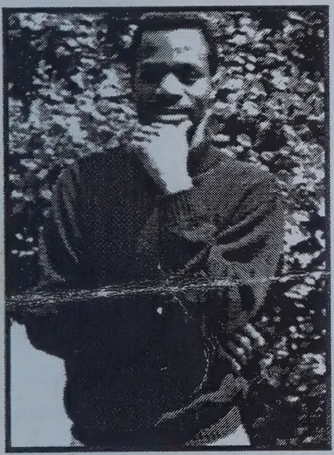
2ND SAY

a letter from our **Co-Chair**



Ulester Douglas

Of the many functions Second Sunday serves, I believe one of the most important is that it provides rare opportunities for us to build intimate relationships.

When I speak of intimate relationships, I am referring to friendships and/or partnerships in which there is honest sharing of each other's thoughts, feelings and experiences; where there is trust, love and caring; where each person risks vulnerability and growth; where we respect ourselves and each other.

As I reflect on some of the challenges we face, including coping with the loss of our loved ones, I am convinced of how vital these relationships are to building and maintaining healthy communities-including Second Sunday. My invitation to you my brothers, is for you to take advantage of the opportunities our organization provides for you to form meaningful relationships. There are many ways to do this-I trust that you will use your imagination and creativity. One recommendation is to get involved with one of our standing or ad hoc committees (hospitality, finance, activities, membership, public relations, topic and workshop).

Whatever our approach, let's maintain our integrity and respect for our brother. Also, let us nurture an organizational culture in which it is acceptable to look to each other for love, friendship, partnership and family. If not at Second Sunday, where else?

BROTHERS

advice **Column**

2ND THOUGHT

Coming next issue, a new column, just for you. Need Advise? Have questions? Got comments or concerns? Words of wisdom or statements to offer? Send them to 2ndThought! at the 2nd Sunday PO Box. Submissions will be selected for future issues. We will attempt to respond to all submissions either in the newsletter or by direct letter to you. Enclose with your submission an address for reply.

2nd Thought! for MAY 1997 • Poem from Herbe Feconde (1973)

We are men of the new world a tree prompts us to harmony. A tree whose fruit is pulpy, It isn't a tree of good or evil but that of concupiscence. Whose fruit was flung on our shoulders at the dawn of our solicitude and ranged at evening in the freezing spaces of an infallible cuisine! The silence plays with us. And our aptitudes in this time seized with firmness rejoices at an audience stooped before the reason justice triumphantly brandishes. We are men of the intensest heat. Matter fashioned from resonance Multiplied souls Lanterns of immortal light Lands of unutterable representation

Joseph Miezan Bognini

Peace, longevity, and prosperity my brothers!

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BROTHERS

2ND VIEW

my mother's Special Gift

reflections by Ian Courtney Barrett

In the late 1970's, Anita Bryant, Florida beauty/orange juice queen, was preaching her message of hate and damnation for gays and lesbians. As a 14 year old queen, it was a very emotional and chaotic for me. I had known for a long time that I was "different"; I'd had other students pick on me in school and call me faggot, fairy, sissy, girl, whatever. Also, I had the opportunity to play-around with other boys (smile).

During the summer of 1978, I was severely depressed about my abnormal feelings. I settled on two alternatives - end my life with pills and alcohol or tell my family the ugly secret. I picked the lesser of the two drastic options and came out tearfully to my mother.

My mother is a social worker. Her entire career had been dedicated to helping others in time of need. Surely, she would be able to help her son through this difficult time, I thought. Well, she didn't and, quite frankly, she couldn't. In working with others, my mother kept a professional distance that helped her to focus on the problem. In dealing with her son who was (and is) gay, it was too close for her to handle. Instead, she called the pastor and asked him for prayer, and she referred me to a clinical social worker so that I could be "cured".

Well, the prayers worked because I'm still alive today, and her leading me to God was her greatest gift. Therapy didn't "cure" me, but it became her special gift because it is a tool that I have used at various times in my life.

Yeah, yeah, yeah , I have family of origin issues. Yes, my childhood could have been better. I've had guilt and shame. Yes, I've lived with an ex-lover for a year after the break-up, and I've been known (in the very distant past) to say "my life is over if you leave me". I've worked on all of these issues in therapy.

Therapy has provided me with a trained professional who serves as a listener and a guide. This individual typically doesn't have a vested interest (like friends and family) in how I resolve my issues. Listening is the communication skill that many of us don't do very well. Webster's Dictionary indicates that to listen is "to pay attention to sound, to hear with thoughtful attention, to be alert to catch an unexpected sound." I've found that having and paying someone to listen to me has been effective because it has forced me to solve my own problems. Nobody knows my situation better that me, and after a little encouragement by the therapist, and lot of moaning, groaning, crying and whining on my part, I've always come up with an alternative that I can live with.

On the wall of my current therapist's office there is a sign that reads:

"Those who go to psychotherapy are the wisest and most courageous among us. Everyone has problems, but what we often do is to try to pretend that these problems don't exist or we run away from these problems, or ignore them in some other way. It's only the wiser and braver among us who are willing to submit ourselves to the difficult process of self-examination that happens in a psycho-therapist's office."

There is a variety of therapists in Atlanta, that cater to Black gay men. If you're interested, ask around, evaluate your findings, and select someone with whom you can work. Or, my therapist is always accepting new clients!

2ND HEALTH

Carlos Cordero

I just had an AIDS test. How accurate are these test? I heard there are two tests. Is one better than the other?

Let me begin by saying that the AIDS test is really a test that measures the antibodies to HIV, not AIDS itself. HIV is the virus widely believed to be the cause of AIDS. When your body gets infected your defense system or immune system lead the attack, the soldiers on the defense team are called White blood cells. The white blood cells that lead the attack are t-cells and b-cells. T-cells are the ones that do the fighting and the b-cells or memory cells are the ones that make a record of the incident. This record helps your body identify the virus or bacteria so that in future infections you are better able to size up your enemy and dispose of it more efficiently.

These records produced by the b-cells are called antibodies. They are basically pictures your body makes of an infection. Antibody tests measure the presence of these pictures of the virus, thus denoting infection. Since pictures take time to develop, antibodies aren't present immediatley after infection. They actually take 6-8 weeks to develop in most people. That is why doctors advise testing after 6 months to make sure you have covered this "window period" entirely.

The test is done in two steps. First they perform the ELISA test. The ELISA test is like the mental detector in an airport . It sounds an alarm for any metal, even though the purpose is the find weapons. The ELISA rings when anything similiar to HIV antibodies shows up. It doesn't necessarily mean there is HIV infection, it just says we need to do a "hand search". This "hand search" is the Western Blot test. The Western Blot test actually looks for the pictures (antibodies) of HIV. Without a Western Blot confirmation, no one in the US can be diagnosed as HIV positive solely on an ELISA test. It's like saying you are carrying a gun just because the metal detector went off.

THEIR THOUGHTS

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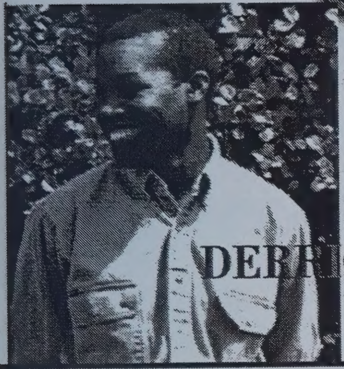

DERRICK REESE

an interview by Edwin Maurice Cook

EC: I understand that you have not been in Atlanta long. What are your feelings about the city and what influenced your decision to move here?

DR: I am happy to be here in Atlanta. It was important for me to live in a place that had a large black population and a large gay population. Luckily I found both here.

EC: How would you define yourself in terms of sexuality?

DR: An out black gay male.

EC: How do you define out?

DR: The people important to me know about my sexuality. This includes blood relatives as well as close friends. I am also out in my workplace.

EC: When did you recognize that you were gay?

DR: Well I guess I always knew but, didn't know what to call it. My earliest memory was walking with my sisters in the third grade and discussing the boys I thought were attractive. When my sister gasped, I felt something was different.

EC: At this point in your life, where do you see yourself?

DR: I have reached a point of stability. Now I would like to start laying the foundation of the things I would like to accomplsh in life.

EC: And that being?

DR: Going back to school to receive my doctorate in Public Health and to one day run a health department.

EC: What is your opinion of Second Sunday?

DR: I only have one issue with 2nd Sunday, that's how the group defines the people it serves.

EC: Would you explain this further?

DR: My preference would've been to have the group's name to serve the black gay, bi, trans population as opposed to using men of African descent. I have a fear of using "Politically Correct Language" we may do ourselves more harm than good.

EC: What significance does Second Sunday have for you?

DR: It provides a safe space for black gay men to share experiences. It has allowed me to develop close friendships with people I feel will be there for me, and with me relatively new in the city that's a wonderful thing.

EC: Speaking of relationships are you currently seeing anyone?

DR: I'm dating, but I am not in a relationship.

EC: Would you have a problem dating someone outside your race or someone who may be HIV positive?

DR: I have dated outside my race. I don't see it as a barrrier. I have found it to be more difficult to be in a relatioship with a white man. To my knowledge I have not dated anyone HIV positive, but that would not be a problem for me.

EC: What are some problems you've experienced in dating?

DR: TRUST, I find it difficult to be open and to trust in someone.

EC: What do you think is the biggest problem facing the black gay community?

DR: Silence without a doubt. We don't talk to each other about issues affecting us.

EC: What are your fears?

DR: Not making a difference in the things I choose to do in life. Fear of not being good and smart enough. This fear is deep rooted and ones I have carried since childhood.

EC: How have the issue of HIV/AIDS affected you?

DR: Recently it has touched my life in a personal way. Learning about people who are close to me who have either become infected or passed away, has caused some level of anxiety and a great degree of sadness.

2ND NOTES

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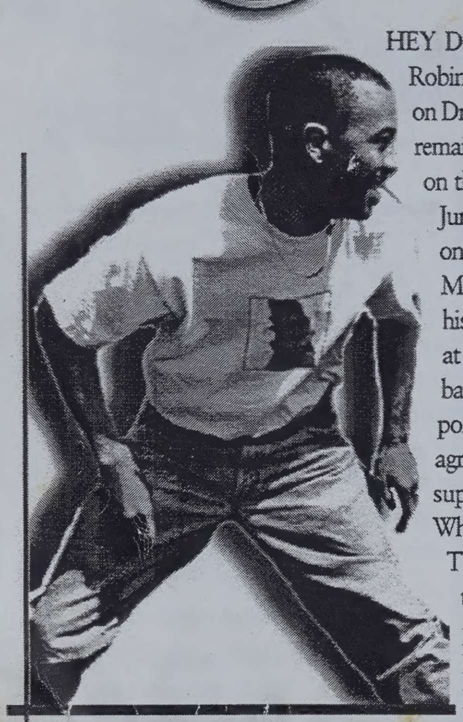
2ND SPIN

rob's **Review**



HEY DID YOU HERE...En Vogue member Dawn Robinson has left the group to go solo. She has signed on Dr. Dre's new label to record "Ghetto Metal," The remaining members are putting the finishing touches on their new album entitled EV3, which is due out June 17th. Check them out on Saturday Night live on May 17th...Martin is being canceled (finally,) Martin Lawrence says he wants to concentrate on his movie career, the final one hour episode will air at the end of May...Halle Berry has entered the battle with Whitney and Janet, to be the first to portray Dorothy Dandridge on film, Halle has agreed to portray Dorothy in an HBO film that is supposed to air sometime before Christmas... Whitney's next film is to be a remake of the 1974 TV movie "Get Christie Love", the story of a beautiful policewoman who goes undercover to expose that she really can't act...Michael Jackson has a new album "Blood on the Dance Floor-HIStory In the Mix-book 1," due out May 22nd, The album will contain four new tracks and remixes from HIStory, including the first single "Blood on the Dance Floor" which is reviewed below.

REVIEWS

Love Jones - the Music

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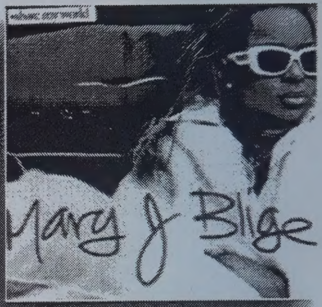
Wow! This soundtrack is jam packed with incredible artists and music. Dionne Farris, Lauryn Hill, Me'Shell Ndegeocello, Maxwell, Cassandra Wilson, Groove Theory, and the list goes on and on. The new comer Trina Brousasard, sang the hell out of Minnie Ripperton's song "Inside My Love," but I found myself wishing that I were listening to the ever-so-missed Chante' Moore, whom Brousasard brings to mind. Siedha Garrett did a great job as the new front vocalist of the Brand New Heavies, replacing the recently departed N'Dea Davenport, who I hear is now doing back up vocals for some local unsigned band. I know that I will probably be stoned to death for saying this, but what the hell, I loved Xscape's rendition of "In the Rain." Despite their reported internal feuding, they still manage to sound great together. I was truly moved when I heard Cassandra Wilson work her magic, maybe now she will be appreciated as the DIVA she is. So, go out get a copy of Love Jones-the Music, and get your grove on with your love jones, I know I did.

Mary J. Blige - Share My World



The Queen has returned!!! Usually after I listen to a new Mary J. record, I am left with this feeling that I have heard these songs before. Then it hits me: I have heard these songs before, just on somebody else's record. This time was different for me. Don't misunderstand; she still gives you the samples and her traditional remakes, but they just did not seem to evoke that same feeling for me. After listening to this record a couple of times, the music started to sink in, and I started to feel the passion that Mary put into this record. There are several tracks that standout to me, but there are two tracks in particular that really move me. The first is a Babyface track "Missing You;" Mary J. was destined to SANG this song, and SANG it she does. This track has smash hit written all through it, and it once again proves Babyface's genius. He was able to construct a song that was perfectly suited for Mary J.. Once I was able to move on from this track, I discovered the incredible "Seven Days." Mary cuts loose on this one. Mary I just want to tell you that I love you, and thank for this incredible record, but in the future pick songs to remake that you can actually sing. Oh yeah, just so you know, songs that you can sing do not include anything by Chaka Khan, Aretha Franklin, and I guess not even Natalie Cole.

Michael Jackson - Blood on the Dance Floor

Blood On The Dance Floor

After listening to this song I can see that Michael picked the perfect name, because there was blood on the dance floor, MINE, because Michael was killing me with this song. I guess Ms. Jackson thinks that since he is the "King of Pop," people will automatically love what ever little song he decides to throw together-well that is not the case. The best thing about the "Blood on the Dance Floor" CD5 was the remix of "Dangerous." I really think Michael needs to get out more to meet some new people, because I am sick of hearing about Annie. Who the hell is she anyway? Pick this one up if you must, but please be careful, because it can cause bleeding.

WORKING TOGETHER

2ND ROOTS

by second brother

It was nearly five years ago that my best friend and I tripped to D.C. for a weekend rendezvous. No holiday, just some free time and money to spend. I do not remember who hipped us to the "talk show" that had become so popular there it had to be relocated from its original spot to a local club. However, I do remember walking into that club that Sunday afternoon and into a sea of men. African-American men. Afro-American men. Black men. Negro men. Perhaps even Colored - we were of every hue of the earth-tone palette, after all. I thought, "this is so unbelievable". So tremendous a feeling; to see sexy, good-looking, professional, conscious, hardworking men in the light rather than the normal dimly-lit, smoking, obscurity of the club.

We found two adjoining seats - there were close to 200 men - and discovered the evening's topic-"Light-skinned vs. Dark-skinned: Who do we choose to date?" What an appropriate topic observing the array of coloring present? The set -up for the dialogue was similar to a t.v. talk show with a host, panel and of course, - the sea of men in the audience. As the dialogues and opinions began to fly, I do not remenber who looked at who first to say"we can do this in Atlanta," but it was definitely said and agreed upon.

We both sat attentively, talking in all of the morsels of information, imagery, stimuli and how-to's that we could. I could not help but drift into the future when I would witness such in Hot'lanta. Pride began to swell inside.

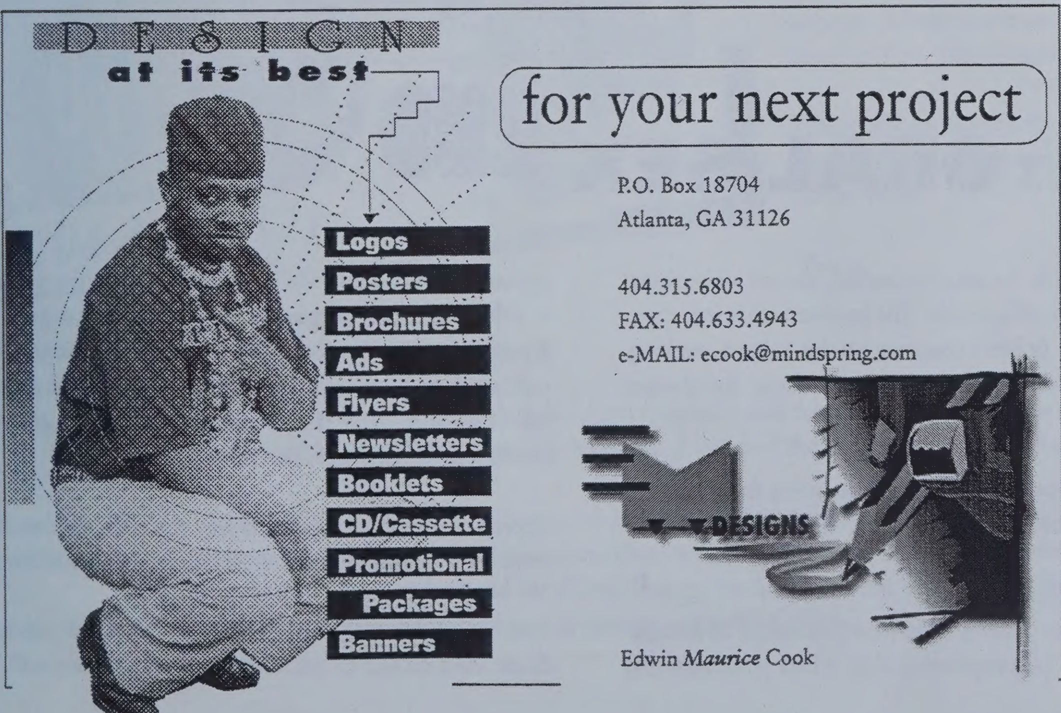
Fast forward four months. I remember when my friend called to say it was time for us to get our show together. We needed an organizing meeting, perhaps on a Sunday evening at his apartment. (Sundays were free after church) We listed "conscious" friends we thought would appreciate such an idea, identifying ten brothers to invite. We decided to prepare a small layout of hors oeuvres and drinks, have an agenda and let one of us (him most likely) facilitate the discussion. (Sounds familiar? It should)

As I recall, using memory that dims more each day, seven were in attendence that evening on the second Sunday in January, 1993. It was cold outside; the fireplace was lit. We hugged and greeted each other warmly (as we always seem to) as coats were hung. We did intros, everyone becoming as old friends quickly. We agreed, disagreed, laughed and learned. (Sound familiar? It should)

We made decisions that day: to keep the meeting day consistent, meet once a month, rotate from home to home, invite other friends, mail monthly notices, have an agenda,bring potluck dishes, keep a code of ethics and so on. After a couple of hours bonding, decision-making and snacking, we winded down. But oh, what would we call this new gay initiative?

After several minutes of tossing and throwing out ideas, I blurted out " How about Second Sunday?" I mean, it was second Sunday and the name would remind us of our meetings. It was also nondescript, so even we "still-in-the-closet-homos" could receive info while safekeeping anonymity. And it was catchy and alliterative. It worked to Second Sunday Mens's Discussion Group.

That was then and I am proud to say that I took part in what has grown into its legacy. That same feeling of pride that I felt five years earlier was present when I walked into the Phoenix Room of City Hall East on Sunday, April 13, 1997. And even though four years of countless second Sundays and frank discussions have passed and I still maintain a proverbial closet, hopefully, the daring has paid off and what easliy could have been a forgettable Sunday in D.C. has revolutionized life in Atlanta for men of African descent, colored and otherwise, Peace!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2ND VIEW

the power of **CHOICE**

by Ian Courtney Barrett

"Am I dating?", you ask. "No, I'm taking a break from those activities", I say. The truth is that I've been forced out of the dating game that I and other Black men play.

Dating Black Men in Atlanta is the same as it is everywhere. We're all suffering from the "grass is always greener on the other side" syndrome. It goes like this:

"Baby, I like you and I want to be with you. However, I want to be free and easy just in case something better comes along.

He may be finer, richer, taller, shorter, skinner, fatter. He may be younger, older, have a longer dick or a shorter dick He may drive a fancier car, have a better job, have an MBA, MD, JD, DDS, or PhD. He may be codependent and wants me to carry his emotional baggage, or he may not have a job, but wants to hold my car and cruise Piedmont Park every day.

Baby, I want you to stand by me as I use you as a substitute until Mr. Right comes along. Will you do that for me baby?"

Mr. Right. Who is that? We're looking for perfection in a world that isn't perfect. We're unwilling to make choices in a world that demands that choices be made. We make choices every day as to where we work, where we live, what we eat, what we wear, what we drive, and who we include in our inner circle. We make choices all the time, so why aren't we willing to do so in dating?

African American Gay men, including me, should exercise The Power of Choice. With power in our hands, we can decide to date men of quality. Choosing doesn't equal perfection. It means taking the time to rationally decide what we want, and prepare ourselves emotionally and spiritually for dating.

If we don't choose, we end up being powerless in dating other Black Gay men. We become dating victims instead of dating victors. We spend night after night on the walls of Loretta's and the World Club awaiting perfection, which never comes. Instead we should be linking up with our Black brothers who we know aren't perfect, but who are good for us. We should accept them, like they should accept us - faults and all.

An African proverb says "He who hunts two rats, catches none." Brothers, we've been hunting every rat in town and catching nothing. The Power of Choice? The choice is ours.

2ND HEALTH

how safe is **ORAL SEX**

Carlos Cordero

Oral sex for those who may be confused is the art, excuse me, the act of sucking another man's cock. This has been the $64.00 question The answer is that infection can happen through unprotected oral sex. Before I continue on this subject, sucking will be based on it being unprotected (without condoms) and without ejaculation (cumming).

Many studies have been done and infection has occurred. One thing for certain is that it is not easy to get it orally as it is through butt fucking. Why/Saliva. No, no, no, saliva does not kill the virus.

How/HIV's weapon for infection is a sugar coating. The virus is covered by a sugar coated protein called gluco-protein 160 (sugar-protein) that when your immune system goes to attack, the t-cells get stuck to the virus and t
is able to do its dirty deed. Saliva dissolves sugars as pa
digestive process. So that HIV, stripped of its sugar coat is
vulnerable to your immune system's attack. This is one ma
with HIV not from each other but from having sex with
needles, since their sex is mostly oral.

There are many variables that play the odds against us. Sor
teeth leave openings in our mouths, but our front line of def

This brings me to the last part, YOU. How do you have se
drink, or a smoke to relax and get your groove on? If you

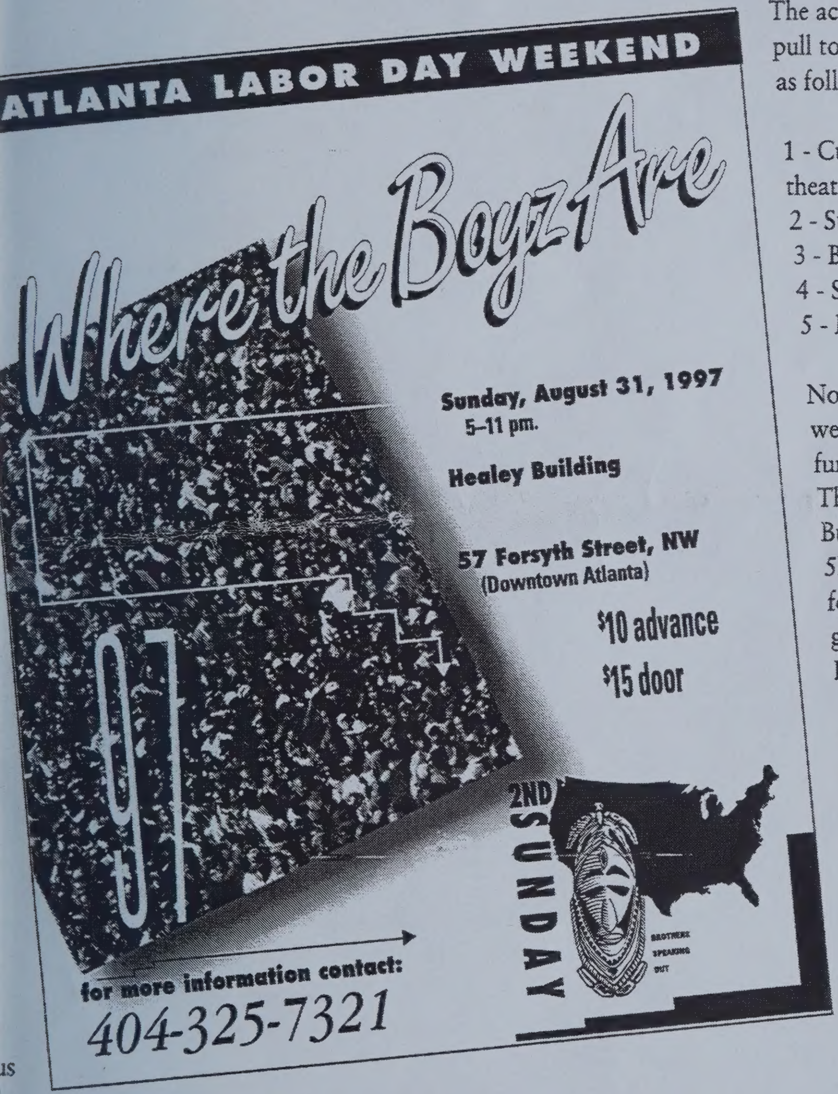
EAKING OUT!!

2ND AGENDA

*from the activities*CORNER

By Keith Warrick

We asked and you responded! The results are in for the recent Activities Committee survey where everyone in attendance at the April meeting was polled.



ATLANTA LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Where the Boyz Are

97

Sunday, August 31, 1997
5–11 pm.

Healey Building

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(Downtown Atlanta)

$10 advance
$15 door

2ND SUNDAY

BROTHERS SPEAKING OUT

for more information contact:
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The activities that you would most like us to pull together for the remainder of the year are as follows in rank order:

1 - Cultural Activities (i.e., book readings, theatre & musuem outings)
2 - Sunday Brunch
3 - Bowling Night
4 - Stoned Soul Picnics
5 - Movie Nights

Now of course, we are going to party, to, so we are proud to announce the second annual *'Where the Boys Are 97'* fundraiser to be held Labor Day weekend on Sunday August 31, 1997. The place: Healey Building in downtown Atlanta located at 57 Forsyth Street. The time: 5PM to 11PM. This year's event is a Tea Dance. We have three levels for you and yours to move, groove and get your freak on! Tickets go on sale at the June meeting immediately following the discussion. **Put your orders in now!**

We will have numerous mini fund raisers before this event to help defray our expenses for this premier event so we are counting on your support! Mark your calendars now for Saturday June 28th when we have our first *'Bare Bones'* Party to start our fund raising!

Remember to stop by the Activities Committee table in June to get your advance tickets for Labor Day. $10.00 in advance and $15.00 at the door!

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you need to have a
aware that alcohol

and/or pot makes your mouth dry (cotton mouth) and this increases the chances that sucking may be of higher risk than it would be if you had the natural protection od saliva.

Nothing is 100% safe. Sucking with a condom is the safets way we know. We also know that most suck without condoms and there are risks in doing that. Hopefully we are able to help you better understand the things that are working on your side. Staying healthy is a priority and knowing how to stay there is our responsibility.
Peace.

BROTHERS SHARING

2ND CHANCE

By Malik M.L. Williams

Several years ago, a friend introduced me to an attractive and personable man. My soon-to-be fling and I talked for an hour, negotiated the exchange of phone numbers for future reference, went back to his place, and had sex. Neither of us mentioned condoms, "safer sex," or the life-threatening situation in which we both might have been placing ourselves. During the following three months, we got together on occasion to "work it out." We protected ourselves without exception after that first time, and we never mentioned the danger of our initial encounter. We were okay; why talk about it?

Not so many years ago, a friend called me to tell me that my former fling was "sick." I called the last good number I had for him. I told myself that I was calling to offer support, to lend an ear. I suppressed the questions lurking in the back of my mind: "How long had he known? Was it before we...?" The operator-recording on the phone interrupted to tell me that I had been out of touch for too long. My former fling had moved. I hung up and went about my business. I was okay; why worry about it?

A few years ago, a friend ran into me at the mall. He asked if anyone had told me about my former fling's death. I listened to his description of the memorial service, thanked him, and went home to sit in silence. I tried not to think about the risk I had invited into my life. I tried not to think about the death of the man who had never found the courage to name his disease. I was okay; why think about it?
Last year a friend confided in me that he had never been "... you know-tested." I smiled as I reported that my most recent test, like the last four or five before it, had been negative. I told my friend about the man who had been my former fling, whose death had taught me that I was wasting too much energy trying not to think, not to know. Because he was my friend, I asked him to get himself tested. I told him I had been blessed with a second chance, but not everyone would be, and that everybody needed to know what they were dealing with. Positive or negative, there were thousands of opportunities to be okay; why wonder about it?

This year-1997-another friend died in silence and solitude. With all the options for diagnosis, treatment and support available today, I don't understand how it could have happened. I imagine the numbers of brothers this year and next year who will sit and wish themselves safe without doing the simple things to make themselves safe. I sometimes wish I could force all my brothers-positive and negative-to find out what they can do for themselves.
We're not all dealing with it; we're not all okay. Why lie about it?

Malik M.L. Williams is a member of The Adodi Muse: A Gay Negro Ensemble/ An Outsiders' Collective, a member of the board of In The Life Atlanta, and a member of Second Sunday's Topic Committee.

What would you do to make it better?

Presenter should have start-up questions to get discussion going, have group choose own facilitator, tone the language, put it on video, make interaction and thinking what the end results could be, start with topics instead of questions, have meetings more often, a little more structure, eliminate discussion groups, have medical practitioners present topics, make mention of people who knowingly infect others, teach more sexual methods, putting condom on for partner, introduce the guys who did the silhouette, trying to stay negative and fear of sex due to HIV, difference between knowledge and behavior, need more private break-out areas, discussion on gray areas of sex, show side of those who are informed and still have unsafe sex, perspective of negative person trying to stay negative, involve different people-tired of the same old faces, session for lovers-only, show intimacy and safer sex, pull the sheets down.

What other topics would you like to see in the future?

Self-esteem, where are the good men, interracial dating, Carlos naked, sex in the church, what should we call ourselves, gay teens, big brother programs, rights of bottoms, how to put a condom in, short-term relationships, Mentoring, anal sex, why do straight men think, gay men want them, sex with married men, inner peace, hip hop-gay lifestyle, safe sex practices, fun having safer sex, specifics on facilitating safer sex, HIV research, sexual role play, gay male-female relationships, how to tell your parents-gay and HIV, oral sex, STD's, relate spirituality-accomplishments to our lifestyle, putting fun back into sex.

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2ndSunday June 8th- Gettin' yo' freak on, what's really goin' on?
An open and honest talk about the sex we have
Why are we doing it and what can we do to make it safer for all

Discussion format

Three part discussion with Opening skit(large group). Tyger's sexual phases.
Large group discussion- Is it happening?
Small group discussion- Why?
Large group discussion- What can we do about it?

Skit. Tyger's sexual phases

Tyger stalks his prey

Narrator	This is Tyger(seen posing and primming on back-lit screen). He just discovered boys. He's got it goin' on with the boys, he's charming, masculine and knows what he likes sexually. He's into soft boys, you know. The kind he feels his manliness won't be challenged. He feels these soft boys are an easy catch and always fall for his boy charm. (Tyger has just made a move on a boy and are now getting with it)
Tyger	Yeah, how's that pussy. Is it ready for me?
Pussy boy	Yeah!
T	Good, I'm coming in.
PB	Ah, ah, ah,...put the party hat on!
T	But baby that shit don't fit. Look at this(holds a dildo)
PB	OK Mandingo, if that shit don't fit on that, then that thing won't fit up in here. 'Cause this booty is condom-fit. So u better hit it 'cause I don't do no hand or blow jobs.
T	But baby, whazzup?
PB	Begone, begone, u have no powers!

Tyger falls in love

N	Well after that he stayed away from the activists and actually got to use protection if it got in the way of gettin' a little sumthin' sumthin'. He has now met someone and they are celebrating their 2 month anniversary. A record! They just got home from the park and are talking.
T	I'm so happy, this is our 2 month anniversary, I've never been this long talking with someone. C'mon, let's hop in the shower and do a little celebratin'!
NewPiece	Alrighty now! (Shower's on and T is fondling NP's booty from the front)
T	Who's is this?
NP	All yours Tyger!
T	Yeah, this shit is mines. U gonna give what's mines?
NP	Yeah, Tyger, just take it!
T	First I want to taste if you're ready
NP	OOOh!
T	Turn around! Just like that. Yeah, spread it with your hands. Look! It's winking at me. I think it's ready.
NP	Oh, Tyger, Yeah!
N	Do you think he'll leave the shower to get some rubbers?...i didn't think so. He's caught up in the heat of the moment. The candle's burning, the juices are flowing...literally. Let's hear what's going on in their minds.
	(Tyger and NewPiece are getting it on)
NP	Damn! He always does this. He knows how to work me and before I know it he's in me bareback. I know we've never talked about it, but he must be OK. After all, he's a top. Damn he feels so good inside me!
T	Shit feels so good. Damn, this shit is real good, he can take it all! I'm sure glad he's never insisted on me wearing a rubber. Well he has but I've always gotten my way. I think he likes it like that. I know I've never been tested, but I feel alright. He's never told me 'bout him either, but he has to be healthy, just look at this booty. Damn, it feels good up in here.

Tyger hits the bottle

N Tyger's now broken up with him and a few others. Financially things are getting real bad. Bills are piling up, he's behind in the rent and those apartment complexes are getting on his back to come up with some coins or his ass will out the door. He's also lost 2 friends. The first time he ever knew anyone who died. The only good thing going for him is that the boys are never in short numbers. It's Friday night, he just got paid and Loretta's will be lovely tonight. You know he's gonna get some tonight.

(We see Tyger drinking) He's had a few brewskies and a couple of stiff sex on the beach and he's feeling it. (Enter Larry and they converse) He spots Larry who he had flirted last month at a party, some AIDS benefit. Good, he said, he's got his piece for tonight.

They are at Larry's place and Tyger just wants to get it on. (They get it on with Larry doing the top part)Larry goes for the booty and Tyger. does not resist. Before they know it, it's all happening and it's all good. Or is it/ Let's hear what's going on inside their minds.

T Damn, it's been a long time. This shit feels real good. Just the way I like it, real! Shit, he's up in there bareback, well I don't care. I know he's healthy. He wouldn't do it if he wasn't. Yeah man tear it up!

L Damn! This shit is real open, just like a 7 11. Didn't have to use cocoa butter or nuthin'. He gave it up so easily, he must be positive too. Damn this shit feel real good!

*Identify top 3 excuses **reasons** for not using or practicing safe sex and address these during the skits

1. **loss** of erection / sensation feeling
2. lack of communication
   fears of being offensive

~~3 loss of sensation or feeling~~

Tyger's kikis with Vern

N	Tyger is now all into the life. He's enjoying himself and somehow HIV seems distant. All over the news are stories on how close we are to a cure and how well people are doing with new medicines. Great, 'cause he never liked condoms anyway. It's Sunday afternoon, Vern called Tyger to get the 411 on the house party last night in Decatur. When they go together they always end up at a club, but Tyger stayed after most people left and Is letting Vern on the details.
Vern	So whazzup!
T	Ah Vern, last night it was da bomb! G's party in Decatur got it goin' on once the children left for The World.
V	What u mean?
T	I mean they got their freak on. Ya shoulda seen the scene. They were tearing it all up.
V	Did u get into the action?
T	Well....not really
V	Tyger!
T	Hell yeah! There were some fine motherfuckers there. Well, we all got carried away man. There was some major pieces up in there.
V	Did u all wear your party hats?
T	Of course.
V	Miss thang, I know u better than that. And I know those house parties don't have condoms to begin with, 'cause they are house parties, not fuck parties. Besides I know you never have condoms in yo' purse. So whazzup, what really happened?
T	Girl, get off my case. It's my life. I'm healthy and all those motherfuckers were healthy too. I can tell sick people. C'mon, u know me better than that. Besides aren't u up wit the news. This shit is coming to an end. They have pills that get rid of it, soon there'll be a vaccine, so u better undo your cornrows and git wit it.
V	Miss thang, u r a lost case, I know no matter what I say, u will still do what u do. I wish u knew I do care 'bout u and would love to have u around when I'm old so we can be there for each other. I love you man, I need you in my life.

Large group discussion on skits. Is this happening?(30 minutes, including skits)

Sharing of experiences around sticky situations about unsafe sex, personal or about people you know.

We will break out into small discussion groups. We will follow Scott's example in assigning numbers to all participants in advance and grouping them accordingly. We will use the main hall and the adjacent rooms to deal with the noise. The go around will center in the why's. People can talk about experiences they have had and/or heard of.

Each group will have a scribe to write down these reasons and report back to the large group. This section will be 30 minutes long. The first 25 will be for the go-around, the last 5 for a sexual behavior anonymous survey. The completion of this survey will be the prompt to return to the large group. Facilitators are to collect these, without reading them to insure confidentiality.

Facilitators are in charge of maintaining a smooth go- around and issuing and retrieving completed surveys. The question for the go-around is why? Why do we think this is happening? If people are not comfortable talking about it for themselves, prompt people to talk about incidents they know of involving people they know. This may prove to be the most comfortable starting point for most. The goal is to get people talking honestly and openly.

We need to be on alert for judgements. This is an easy topic for people to get on a high horse and beat anyone who says anything close to honest. We will have zero tolerance for that and we should encourage both parties to respect one another.

Large group discussion. What can we do about this?

Objective is to create awareness off successful models in changing community norms. Seat belt use and drinking while driving. The norm today is live and let live, which is more like die and let die. We can plant a seed of awareness that no matter how safe we are we can contribute to reach a community norm of being safe, if not for oneself, for each other.

Handout to include GMHC's safer sex guidelines for gay men, list of books on the subject, phone list of agencies and hotlines, survey on sexual behavior, CDC reports on sero-prevalence and trends by demographics local and nationally.

3rd Sunday
June 15th- Safer Sex workshop-
The place to get the 411 on what's up with oral sex, condoms, lube and anything you want to know with special guests:

Dr. Peterson on reasons why we may act against our better judgement,

Steve Hazel AESM on what's going on out there,

Dr. Bickers to set the record straight on what else besides HIV we should be on the lookout for, and should we still use protection in light of all the new promising treatments. Plus

Mental health professional on issues that affect consistent use of protection.

Carlos will do a safer sex 101 like you've never seen before.

Format:

Dr. Peterson- Introduction on self-identity issues that are intrinsic to the consistent use of protection(5min)

Carlos- Safer sex 101 with a live demonstration on the practical aspects for consistent use of protection.(20 min)

Dr. Bickers- STD 101 on what are the prevalent infections that are affecting our community and what should we be looking for as it relates to the sex we have.(5 min)

Mental Health professional(R. Mathis?)- Issues prevalent in our community that are conducive to inconsistent use of protection.(5 min)

Question and answer session.

Topic-MONEY

In order to make each presentations better please answer the following:

Year of birth------------------

Please rate the following by circling the number that best represents your opinion

	Poor		OK		Excellent
Handling of the topic	1	2	3	4	5
	(0)	(2)	(32)	(48)	(28)
Presenter/Facilitator	1	2	3	4	5
	(2)	(6)	(26)	(43)	(31)
Discussion	1	2	3	4	5
	(0)	(3)	(21)	(47)	(36)

What was the best part for you?

HIV talk
Level of participation
✓Seeing ourselves through the skits
✓Finding out brothers who are business owners
Skit
2nd discussion
Honesty and sincerity of discussion.
Drama

What was the worst part for you?-

Written comments could have been better used
Couldn't hear the people
No air conditioning
Bitching about Loretta's
Having people talk too long
No true solutions were presented
Sound
It was an oven
Bashing of black businesses
Poor crowd control
HIV topic
Not focusing on solutions.
Facilitator should have stood up and stayed central
Noticing the clapping for non-proactive responses as compared to proactive,
Comment about the bathroom in Loretta's

What would you do to make it better?--

3 topic programs-30 minutes each
Have outline for discussion
Get a PA system
Cordless mike
Time limits on answers
Use the platform for facilitator
Have a seminar on financial matters
Bring in a presenter for 10 minutes
Better prepared facilitator
Break out in small groups
Have solutions presented
Avoid soapboxes
Q&A session after discussion
Clear and concise questions
Start investment club
Arrange chairs differently
Panel discussions
Allow only a number of responses to each question
Give rebuttals to comments made by participants
Newsletter should have a section that promotes businesses and services in our community,

What other topics would you like to see in the future?

Support themes for relationships and HIV
Why do we always have to read
How to keep relationships exciting
How to stimulate community building
How we treat each other
I'm gay...what does my family have to say
Homophobia
How to love oneself
More personal topics
Hate crimes
Manhood
Carreer decisions
Accessibility for disabled
Gay male to male communication
How to care for ourselves physically and emotionally
Grieving and dealing with loss
Drug use
Race
Are you still a man if you get fucked
Carrer goals
Motivational topics
Gays raising children
Readings
More get-togethers
Mentoring
Friendships and family
Health&diet
Tips on starting own business
Black Gay history
Single male adoptions
Mixed couples
Black gay men & self-esteem
AIDS & HIV
Being out in the workplace
Social skills
Role models

*When using skits we must be clear about the message we are sending or that ~~they~~ raise the right question -

* Seating * Lighting * Room temperature (HOT)

* Re-iterate ~~that~~ Second Sunday is a discussion and not THERAPY.

* The need for more information - ~~is that~~ Second Sundays mission or responsibility?

Topic-Safer Sex

Year of birth------------------

Please rate the following by circling the number that best represents your opinion

	Poor		OK		Excellent
Handling of the topic	1	2	3	4	5
Panelists	1	2	3	4	5
Condom demonstration	1	2	3	4	5

What worked for you?--

What didn't work for you?---

Did you learn something?--

Did the condom demonstration work for you and why?---------------------------------
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Bonus question,
You prefer to have sex with:(please circle)

Blacks   People of color (Blacks & Latinos)   Whites   No Preference

If you attended last week's Second Sunday meeting:
Please Check Here ________

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Blacks
People of color
(Blacks & Latinos)
Whites
No Preference

If you attended last week's Second Sunday meeting:
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2ND SUNDAY
BROTHERS SPEAKING OUT

March 11, 1998

Brothers,

Greetings. This letter is being sent as a reminder of the March 29, 1998 membership meeting. This is an important event for the organization and your presence is needed.

As was mentioned in a letter earlier this year, two years ago **Second Sunday** underwent major structural changes. Part of this change included the election of an executive committee whose primary purpose was to oversee the organization's movement toward its goals. The committee's membership consists of 2 co-chairs, a secretary, treasurer and a historian. These positions are up for election this month and the actual elections will take place at the membership meeting.

As an organization **Second Sunday** has among other things been quite visible in providing an atmosphere that promotes pride, unity and strength through the empowerment and uplifting of the collective consciousness of gay, bisexual and transgendered Men of African descent. Yet it still needs to do more if it is to achieve its mission statement; to ensure that it is on the cutting edge of opportunity for Men of African descent; but more importantly, **to survive**. This means that lots of work needs to be done. So far only a few men have been willing to assist, **though many enjoy the benefits.**

Membership meetings are held quarterly. The March 29th meeting will be held at the Lambda Center and starts at 6:30 P.M. and is open to paid members only. This year's elections will be one of the items on the agenda. Candidates will be available for a half-hour question and answer session before the elections actually take place. It will be necessary for 51 % of those members present to vote for any one candidate in order for him to be elected to his respective position. The organization's movement toward 501(C3) status is another item on the agenda. Overall, the meeting is the time for members to vocalize their concerns and to hold the organization accountable.

When visitors come to our meetings one of the most consistent comments over the years is their appreciation for the opportunity to come together with so many Black men and to talk about, deal with, issues that effect them in a profound way. This has become one of the legacies of Second Sunday. We want to continue this and your presence at the meeting ensures this!

Yes, this meeting is important. Your presence is needed, if for nothing else but to show that the organization matters and that you care for its survival. Survival is a strong word and shouldn't be taken lightly because those few brothers who have been doing all the work are increasingly getting tired and frustrated. They are either stepping down from leadership positions and/or leaving the organization altogether. If the trend continues who is to say where the organization will be in a few years. **Frankly, Second Sunday needs you, Brothers. Members can no longer stand on the side lines and in good conscience criticize the way the organization is run unless we are willing to be involved. Won't you make your attendance at this meeting an indictment on how much the membership cares?**

Enclosed are the candidate's responses to questions posed to them by the Elections Committee. Please read them both as a way to familiarize yourself with each candidate, and as preparation for the question and answer portion with the candidates at the March 29th membership meeting.

Hope to see you there in Peace and Love,

Elections Committee

March 11, 1998

Brothers

Greetings. This letter is being sent as a reminder of the March 20, 1998 membership meeting. This is an important event for the organization and your presence is needed.

As was mentioned in a letter earlier this year, in the past year Second Sunday underwent major structural changes. Part of this change included the election of an executive committee whose primary purpose was to oversee the organization's day to day [illegible] toward its goals. The committee's membership consists of 2 co-chairs, a secretary, treasurer and a historian. These positions are up for election this month and the actual elections will take place at the membership meeting.

As an organization Second Sunday has among other things been more visible in providing an alternative place that provides a safe, healthy and [illegible] through the empowerment and upliftment of the collective consciousness of gay, bisexual and transgendered Men of African descent. Yet it still needs to be known if it is to achieve its mission statement, to ensure that it is on the cutting edge of supporting the Men of African descent, but more importantly, to survive. This means that lots of work needs to be done. So far only a few men have been willing to make enough effort to get the work done.

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Elections Committee

2ND SUNDAY
BROTHERS SPEAKING OUT

2nd Sunday
501(c)(3) Presentation
29 March, 1998

Dear Brother,
At the March 29th 2nd Sunday membership meeting you will be asked to vote on the current status of 2nd Sunday pursuing 501(x)(3) tax status. This presentation outline is being sent to you as a refresher on the some of the key points surrounding this issue.

What is 501(c)(3) tax status?
501(c)(3) is the designation given by the Internal Revenue Service to specific organizations that fulfill the criteria for exemption from federal income tax.

Why should 2nd Sunday be concerned about obtaining this status?
501(c)(3) designation gives 2nd Sunday access to a larger pool of donor dollars to help the organization achieve its objectives. Donors, as screening criteria, use the designation before allocating funding to community or charitable organizations. Not having the designation is viewed by donors as indicative of an organization in its early development. Thereby, raising the question of the long-term viability of the organization.

What are the benefits of obtaining 501(c)(3)?
The most important benefit of 501(c)(3) status is advance assurance to donors of the income tax deductibility of their contributions. Donors are more willing to give larger sums when they know they can help reduce their taxes through the gift. Other benefits of 501(c)(3) designation include exemption from certain state taxes, federal excise taxes, nonprofit mailing privileges, and public recognition of our tax-exempt status.

What are the liabilities of obtaining 501(c)(3)?
The largest liability of obtaining the designation is closer governmental monitoring of our activities. This is due to the financial reporting requirements necessary to maintain the 501(c)(3) designation.

What does 2nd Sunday have to do to obtain this status?
Obtaining 501(c)(3) status can be summarized in two steps. 1) 2nd Sunday filing for incorporation in the State of Georgia. 2) 2nd Sunday filing for full tax exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service under 501(c)(3).

Will the mission of 2nd Sunday change as a result of obtaining the 501(c)(3) designation?
The mission of 2nd Sunday is to assist in the growth and development of gay, bisexual and transgender Men of African descent through educational, social, spiritual and cultural activities. This service objective will not change with obtaining 501(c)(3) status. In fact, obtaining the designation will assist 2nd Sunday in putting the processes in place necessary to ensure the long-term achievement of our mission.

What are the costs associated with obtaining 501(c) (3) designation?

State Incorporation Costs:			
Filing Fees:	State	$60	
	County	$40	
Advertising Cost:	County	$40	
Attorney's Fees:		$375*	
Federal 501(c)(3) Filing Costs			
Filing Fees:			
Federal	$150		
Attorney's Fees:		$250*	
	Total		$955

**- These fees are retainer charges only. Additional paperwork and due diligence costs will be incurred and are estimated at $1,545.00. Total estimated start to end cost of obtaining 501(c)(3) status is $2,500.*

Kirk Surgeon 501(c)(3) Presentation

2ND SUNDAY

BROTHERS SPEAKING OUT

Craig Washington
Candidate for Co-Chair

1. Tell us about yourself . What makes you a viable candidate?

I have the skills that are required of a Co-Chair. I am a very capable writer and orator. I've also become a good administrator. I have had extensive experience working with the organization in various capacities - clerical, discussion facilitating, administrative, etc. I also bring to the position certain traits that will increase my effectiveness such as honesty, candor, diplomacy and tenacity. I aslo have great interpersonal skills and public relations savvy. It is however, my overall commitment to this organization which more than any single factor makes me a viable candidate.

2. What do you see as the biggest challenge of the Co-Chairs position? How do you plan to address it?

The Co-Chairman must find a way to promote efffective leadership beyond his position. The most crucial challenge to that task is the lack of self-awareness and dysfunctional communication among the leadership. This is exacerbated by the misconception that our personal and interpersonal conflicts do not affect how well we work together. The Co-Chair must advocate a healthier way of doing business. Whether it is within a Steering Committee meeting or an alternative setting, the Co-Chair must a standard of open communication and conflict resolution. I will encourage individuals to be forthright without being antagonistic. I will demonstrate these qualities in my own leadership and enforce standards throughout my work with the S.C. members. I will also facilitate focused discussions and trainings to enhance these skills and groom leadership.

3. We have a problem getting people involved with committees? How do you plan to solve it?

I plan to address the recruitment problem by first getting input from the committee co-coordinators as well as committee members. From these discussions I will have a clear understanding of the specific challenges and strangths of ecach committee. I will then recommend specific recruitment strategies. One such recruitment strategy would be for committee heads to have a display at each and every meeting. After the general discussion ends they can mingle with the brothers attending and explain what their committes do, meeting info, etc. They can wear name badges that identify their committee. The Steering Committee must become more visible to the general body.More aggressive, presonal recruitment is a must.

4. What do you see as the biggest challenge of Second Sunday? How do you plan to address it?
The biggest challenge for Second Sunday is connected to the Co-Chairs biggest challenge. Those of us involved in leadership must become more proactive overall and better communicators. When certain tasks are not done and crucial products are delivered late, the whole organization suffers. When we improve Second Sunday services, then ,in turn our members will feel good about their investment and want to invest more. More non-members will want to become members. I will encourage and facilitate more effective inter- and intracommittee communication (as addressed in answer#2). I will also help provide detailed procedural guides for committee members to acquaint all of us with standard procedures which can be applied to their particular committee. I understand there are also too few workers taking on all of the work. I would encourage co-coordinators to recruit not only workers but leaders as well, people with exceptional talents and commtiment.

5. What is your vision of the role of the Executive Committee as compared to the Steering Committee?
The Executive Committee enables the 5 elected officers to exchange vital information among each other directly. It helps ensure that we are on the same page as per our specific responsibilities . Through the EC, the current state of the organization is constantly assessed and recommendations regarding policy, procedure and specific issues can be developed and presented to the SC to be discussed and authorized. The EC is a subset that initiates and helps direct the SC in the overall administation of the organization. The SC is the overall networking entity of the organizational leadership. It establishes consensus for all major decisions and provides formal info exchange among committees.

6. What is your position on opening the organizations to whites and other people of color?
Second Sunday has always been an organization formulated by and for gay men of African descent only. I see no reason to change that policy, in fact I am opposed to opening the organization to whites and other people of color. We men of African descent need this particular kind of space so that we can continue the healing process of our self-hatred, stigma -wounding, ostracization, etc. In order to enhance our self-worth and build a higher level of communal trust we must be thoroughly self-determinist. In order to maintain and expand our services to our community we must remain exclusively for gay men of African descent. Second Sunday will very likely attain 501 (c) 3 status in the near future. As such an entity receiving public funds we could not legally, technically exclude whites and other people of color. However I believe there are ways in which we can ensure that the general meeting remains the same although some additional activities may become technically open to the public, but always expressly for gay men of African descent.

Second Sunday Election Committee

Candidate for Secretary Questionnaire

The Election Committee has put together this questionnaire to be used for the purpose of the Second Sunday Election. As a candidate please answer each question and type in your response, if the space is inadequate, please use a separate peace of paper and type both questions with your answers following each question.
Please send in your response to: Second Sunday P.O. Box 310 Atlanta, GA 30301 post marked by the 10th of March. Thank you for your cooperation, and we bid you good luck in the up coming election. If you have any questions contact Ulester Douglas or Calvin Murray at 404-624-4772.

1. Tell us about yourself what makes you a viable candidate?

My name is Kirk Surgeon. Currently, I am one of the co-coordinators of the Finance Committee as well as serving as a member of the Activities Committee. I am an active member of 2nd Sunday and have been assisting the organization since moving to Atlanta in January 1997. My prior volunteer experience includes serving on the board of the South Norwalk Arts Association as well as volunteering with the Urban League; United Way; National Council of Negro Women; Triangle Community Center of Norwalk; Fairfield County AIDS Walk; and McKinney House (a hospice for homeless AIDS patients). The experience I have gained working with these organizations in a variety of leadership and support roles will allow me to assist 2nd Sunday in further realizing its goal of empowering the lives of gay, bisexual, and transgendered Men of African descent.

2. What do you see as the biggest challenge of the Secretary position? How do you plan to address it?

The biggest challenge of the Secretary position is ensuring an accurate record of the organization's business practices is maintained. This record will primarily take the form of meeting minutes and correspondence generated by the organization. To maintain accurate records of meetings I intend to utilize my listening and note taking skills during meetings in concert with audio recording and computer technology. By maintaining accurate records, I would ensure that open and consistent lines of communication are maintained between the Executive Committee, Steering Committee and general membership.

3. What is your vision of the role of the executive committee as compared to the steering committee?

My vision of the Executive Committee is for it to become the long-termed strategic planning body of the organization. As such, the Executive Committee would be charged with realizing the mission of the organization through its programs and interactions with outside organizations.
The role of the steering committee would be that of orchestrating the day to day operations of the organization and providing feedback to the Executive Committee on the progress of initiatives.
Each committee would work to support the initiatives of the other. This will foster cohesion within the organization towards fulfilling its service mission.

4. What is your position on opening the organizations to white and other people of color?

My position on opening the organization to other groups is framed by the mission statement of the organization: "2nd Sunday shall exist to be a support organization created to assist in the growth and development of gay, bisexual and transgendered Men of African descent." I welcome any individual to the organization who fits the criteria our mission statement advocates. I believe strongly that 2nd Sunday exists to help support the continual development of gay Men of African descent. "White and other people of color" are free to, and have, replicated the supportive programs and environment 2nd Sunday creates for its members through their own organizations. As a result, I feel their needs would be best served in their own organizations, not at 2nd Sunday.

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5. Where do you see Second Sunday in the next 5yrs?

In the next 5 years I see 2nd Sunday as a nationally recognized and awarded organization continuing to serve the needs of gay, bisexual and transgendered Men of African descent. I envision the creation of a scholarship program as well as a business network for our members. The possibility of taking 2nd Sunday to the forefront of community involvement and activism with the creation of a community center targeting the needs of the black gay family is also a possibility in the coming years. With the active support of the membership and the organization's leaders, I feel 2nd Sunday can truly maximize its full potential as an organization supporting the needs of the gay, bisexual and transgendered Man of African descent.

Terrell Smith

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Atlanta, Georgia 30311

Candidate for Historian Questionnaire

1. Tell us about yourself what makes you a viable candidate?

I am the most qualified candidate, because I am the first-and only-member to ever to hold this position. I have singlehandedly shaped and developed what this position represents. The Historian preserves the history of Second Sunday through different mediums, such as audio, visual, and written documents. He is also responsible for educating members and future members on past events and accomplishments of Second Sunday.

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MONTHLY WORKSHOP FOR BROTHERS IN THE LIFE

Every Fourth Saturday

Facilitated by Psychotherapists
Ulester Douglas, LMSW
Robert Mathis, LCSW

These workshops are for single brothers as well as brothers in relationships

Workshop #6
March 28, 1998
12:30-4:00 PM

LOOKING FOR "MR. RIGHT" BUT FINDING "MR. WRONG"
Part II

You will gain more insights into:

Why you keep attracting the same kind of man, and…

What you can do about this to improve the chances of experiencing real love.

Workshop location:
The Lambda Center
828 West Peachtree Street, Suite 206
Atlanta, GA

Cost:
$20.00 in advance
$25.00 at the door

Registration & Information
Ulester 404.635.9418 or Robert 770.496.4338

Because of the intimate nature of this workshop, pre-registration is required if you have not attended part I. Pre-registration is also encouraged because space is limited to 20 participants.

PLEASE TURN OVER→

Ulester Douglas, LMSW, is a psychotherapist with an independent practice. He is also a consultant to Georgia Department of Corrections, Metropolitan Atlanta Council on Alcohol and Drugs, and an instructor/trainer with Men Stopping Violence. Ulester has had specialized intensive training in working with couples. Also, he assists individuals, families and groups in the areas of sexuality, child abuse and neglect, domestic violence, sexually addictive/compulsive and offending behaviors.

Robert Mathis, LCSW, maintains private practice offices on Buford Highway and in Buckhead and Smyrna. He specializes in individual, couples and group psychotherapy with adolescents and adults as well as in gay men's issues. He has over 15 years of experience working with chemical addictions. He has worked as the director of an Adult Psychiatric Partial Hospitalization Program, provides clinical supervision, and is a consultant to a family-counseling center.

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REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: ______________________________________

Last Name First Name

ADDRESS: ______________________________________

Street or P.O. Box

____

City State Zip

PHONE: ____________________ WORKSHOP # ______________

Please mail this form along with your check or money order –No Cash- payable to:

Ulester Douglas, LMSW P.O. Box 2871 Decatur, GA 30031	Robert Mathis, LCSW P.O. Box 81338 Smyrna, GA 30081-8386

Second Sunday of Atlanta

Quarterly Meeting

March 29, 1998 – The Atlanta Lambda Center
6:30 -- 8:30 p.m.

Agenda

Welcome
Review Agenda
Roll call – to make sure all voting person are members in good standing.))

Elections
Candidates listen/respond to members' questions
Balloting ✓
What about vacancies? ✓ shall be appointed by the steering committee and voted on by this body (membership)

The State of Second Sunday
Executive committee reports –
Standing committee reports
Members' questions/ comments about organization's functioning –
EXPENSE General 2989.12
230. door
377. memb
51. T-shirts
368 [illegible]

Continuation of Discussion on 501(c) 3 Status –
Presentation
Members' questions/comments

Survey – Members' Interest…
Grant Workshops - topics/format

Adjournment
Next scheduled meeting – 6/7/98, 6:30 p.m.

Pros

2ND SUNDAY
BROTHERS SPEAKING OUT

Cons
lack of infacstructre
lack of participation from the membership
growth and definition of the orginization

2nd Sunday
501(c)(3) Presentation
29 March, 1998

Dear Brother,
At the March 29th 2nd Sunday membership meeting you will be asked to vote on the current status of 2nd Sunday pursuing 501(x)(3) tax status. This presentation outline is being sent to you as a refresher on the some of the key points surrounding this issue.

What is 501(c)(3) tax status?
501(c)(3) is the designation given by the Internal Revenue Service to specific organizations that fulfill the criteria for exemption from federal income tax.

Why should 2nd Sunday be concerned about obtaining this status?
501(c)(3) designation gives 2nd Sunday access to a larger pool of donor dollars to help the organization achieve its objectives. Donors, as screening criteria, use the designation before allocating funding to community or charitable organizations. Not having the designation is viewed by donors as indicative of an organization in its early development. Thereby, raising the question of the long-term viability of the organization.

What are the benefits of obtaining 501(c)(3)?
The most important benefit of 501(c)(3) status is advance assurance to donors of the income tax deductibility of their contributions. Donors are more willing to give larger sums when they know they can help reduce their taxes through the gift. Other benefits of 501(c)(3) designation include exemption from certain state taxes, federal excise taxes, nonprofit mailing privileges, and public recognition of our tax-exempt status.

What are the liabilities of obtaining 501(c)(3)?
The largest liability of obtaining the designation is closer governmental monitoring of our activities. This is due to the financial reporting requirements necessary to maintain the 501(c)(3) designation.

What does 2nd Sunday have to do to obtain this status?
Obtaining 501(c)(3) status can be summarized in two steps. 1) 2nd Sunday filing for incorporation in the State of Georgia. 2) 2nd Sunday filing for full tax exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service under 501(c)(3).

Will the mission of 2nd Sunday change as a result of obtaining the 501(c)(3) designation?
The mission of 2nd Sunday is to assist in the growth and development of gay, bisexual and transgender Men of African descent through educational, social, spiritual and cultural activities. This service objective will not change with obtaining 501(c)(3) status. In fact, obtaining the designation will assist 2nd Sunday in putting the processes in place necessary to ensure the long-term achievement of our mission.

What are the costs associated with obtaining 501(c) (3) designation?

State Incorporation Costs:			
Filing Fees:	State	$60	
	County	~~$40~~	
Advertising Cost:	County	$40	
Attorney's Fees:		~~$375~~* 200	350.
Federal 501(c)(3) Filing Costs			
Filing Fees:			
Federal	~~$150~~ 465		
Attorney's Fees:		~~$250~~* 500.	
	Total	$955	965.

$1315.

**- These fees are retainer charges only. Additional paperwork and due diligence costs will be incurred and are estimated at $1,545.00. Total estimated start to end cost of obtaining 501(c)(3) status is $2,500.*

Kirk Surgeon 501(c)(3) Presentation

Do we want ~~to~~ allow ~~other~~ people outside of the target community?

2ND SUNDAY

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Craig Washington
Candidate for Co-Chair

1. Tell us about yourself . What makes you a viable candidate?

I have the skills that are required of a Co-Chair. I am a very capable writer and orator. I've also become a good administrator. I have had extensive experience working with the organization in various capacities - clerical, discussion facilitating, administrative, etc. I also bring to the position certain traits that will increase my effectiveness such as honesty, candor, diplomacy and tenacity. I aslo have great interpersonal skills and public relations savvy. It is however, my overall commitment to this organization which more than any single factor makes me a viable candidate.

2. What do you see as the biggest challenge of the Co-Chairs position? How do you plan to address it?

The Co-Chairman must find a way to promote efffective leadership beyond his position. The most crucial challenge to that task is the lack of self-awareness and dysfunctional communication among the leadership. This is exacerbated by the misconception that our personal and interpersonal conflicts do not affect how well we work together. The Co-Chair must advocate a healthier way of doing business. Whether it is within a Steering Committee meeting or an alternative setting, the Co-Chair must a standard of open communication and conflict resolution. I will encourage individuals to be forthright without being antagonistic. I will demonstrate these qualities in my own leadership and enforce standards throughout my work with the S.C. members. I will also facilitate focused discussions and trainings to enhance these skills and groom leadership.

3. We have a problem getting people involved with committees? How do you plan to solve it?

I plan to address the recruitment problem by first getting input from the committee co-coordinators as well as committee members. From these discussions I will have a clear understanding of the specific challenges and strangths of ecach committee. I will then recommend specific recruitment strategies. One such recruitment strategy would be for committee heads to have a display at each and every meeting. After the general discussion ends they can mingle with the brothers attending and explain what their committes do, meeting info, etc. They can wear name badges that identify their committee. The Steering Committee must become more visible to the general body.More aggressive, presonal recruitment is a must.

4. What do you see as the biggest challenge of Second Sunday? How do you plan to address it?
The biggest challenge for Second Sunday is connected to the Co-Chairs biggest challenge. Those of us involved in leadership must become more proactive overall and better communicators. When certain tasks are not done and crucial products are delivered late, the whole organization suffers. When we improve Second Sunday services, then ,in turn our members will feel good about their investment and want to invest more. More non-members will want to become members. I will encourage and facilitate more effective inter- and intracommittee communication (as addressed in answer#2). I will also help provide detailed procedural guides for committee members to acquaint all of us with standard procedures which can be applied to their particular committee. I understand there are also too few workers taking on all of the work. I would encourage co-coordinators to recruit not only workers but leaders as well, people with exceptional talents and commtiment.

5. What is your vision of the role of the Executive Committee as compared to the Steering Committee?
The Executive Committee enables the 5 elected officers to exchange vital information among each other directly. It helps ensure that we are on the same page as per our specific responsibilities . Through the EC, the current state of the organization is constantly assessed and recommendations regarding policy, procedure and specific issues can be developed and presented to the SC to be discussed and authorized. The EC is a subset that initiates and helps direct the SC in the overall administation of the organization. The SC is the overall networking entity of the organizational leadership. It establishes consensus for all major decisions and provides formal info exchange among committees.

6. What is your position on opening the organizations to whites and other people of color?
Second Sunday has always been an organization formulated by and for gay men of African descent only. I see no reason to change that policy, in fact I am opposed to opening the organization to whites and other people of color. We men of African descent need this particular kind of space so that we can continue the healing process of our self-hatred, stigma -wounding, ostracization, etc. In order to enhance our self-worth and build a higher level of communal trust we must be thoroughly self-determinist. In order to maintain and expand our services to our community we must remain exclusively for gay men of African descent. Second Sunday will very likely attain 501 (c) 3 status in the near future. As such an entity receiving public funds we could not legally, technically exclude whites and other people of color. However I believe there are ways in which we can ensure that the general meeting remains the same although some additional activities may become technically open to the public, but always expressly for gay men of African descent.

Second Sunday Election Committee

Candidate for Secretary Questionnaire

The Election Committee has put together this questionnaire to be used for the purpose of the Second Sunday Election. As a candidate please answer each question and type in your response, if the space is inadequate, please use a separate peace of paper and type both questions with your answers following each question.
Please send in your response to: Second Sunday P.O. Box 310 Atlanta, GA 30301 post marked by the 10th of March. Thank you for your cooperation, and we bid you good luck in the up coming election. If you have any questions contact Ulester Douglas or Calvin Murray at 404-624-4772.

1. Tell us about yourself what makes you a viable candidate?

My name is Kirk Surgeon. Currently, I am one of the co-coordinators of the Finance Committee as well as serving as a member of the Activities Committee. I am an active member of 2nd Sunday and have been assisting the organization since moving to Atlanta in January 1997. My prior volunteer experience includes serving on the board of the South Norwalk Arts Association as well as volunteering with the Urban League; United Way; National Council of Negro Women; Triangle Community Center of Norwalk; Fairfield County AIDS Walk; and McKinney House (a hospice for homeless AIDS patients). The experience I have gained working with these organizations in a variety of leadership and support roles will allow me to assist 2nd Sunday in further realizing its goal of empowering the lives of gay, bisexual, and transgendered Men of African descent.

2. What do you see as the biggest challenge of the Secretary position? How do you plan to address it?

The biggest challenge of the Secretary position is ensuring an accurate record of the organization's business practices is maintained. This record will primarily take the form of meeting minutes and correspondence generated by the organization. To maintain accurate records of meetings I intend to utilize my listening and note taking skills during meetings in concert with audio recording and computer technology. By maintaining accurate records, I would ensure that open and consistent lines of communication are maintained between the Executive Committee, Steering Committee and general membership.

3. What is your vision of the role of the executive committee as compared to the steering committee?

My vision of the Executive Committee is for it to become the long-termed strategic planning body of the organization. As such, the Executive Committee would be charged with realizing the mission of the organization through its programs and interactions with outside organizations.
The role of the steering committee would be that of orchestrating the day to day operations of the organization and providing feedback to the Executive Committee on the progress of initiatives.
Each committee would work to support the initiatives of the other. This will foster cohesion within the organization towards fulfilling its service mission.

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My position on opening the organization to other groups is framed by the mission statement of the organization: "2nd Sunday shall exist to be a support organization created to assist in the growth and development of gay, bisexual and transgendered Men of African descent." I welcome any individual to the organization who fits the criteria our mission statement advocates. I believe strongly that 2nd Sunday exists to help support the continual development of gay Men of African descent. "White and other people of color" are free to, and have, replicated the supportive programs and environment 2nd Sunday creates for its members through their own organizations. As a result, I feel their needs would be best served in their own organizations, not at 2nd Sunday.

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Terrell Smith

2117 Bent Creek way
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Second Sunday
"Brothas"
Bowling Night

Friday, May 29, 1998

Express Bowling Lanes

1936 Piedmont Circle, N.E.
Atlanta, GA
(404) 874-5703

11:00 p.m. – Until

SECOND SUNDAY ACTIVITIES FOR JUNE

"Soul Food Brunch"

Sunday, June 7, 1998
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
at

Boulevard Café
1776 Peachtree Street, N.E.
Atlanta, GA
(404) 872-6666

"The White Party"

(AND FREE "CD" GIVE-A-WAY")
Friday, June 12, 1998
at

"CLUB FUSION"
550-C Amsterdam Avenue
Atlanta, GA

PRIDE WALK 1998

Sunday, June 28, 1998
Midtown

AFRICAN AMERICAN

Gay Community

What is it

Who's is it

How is it

What is it doing for us

Am I included

What should I do in it

How does it relate to other communities

ARE YOU READY TO ANSWER????

PART II

2ND SUNDAY
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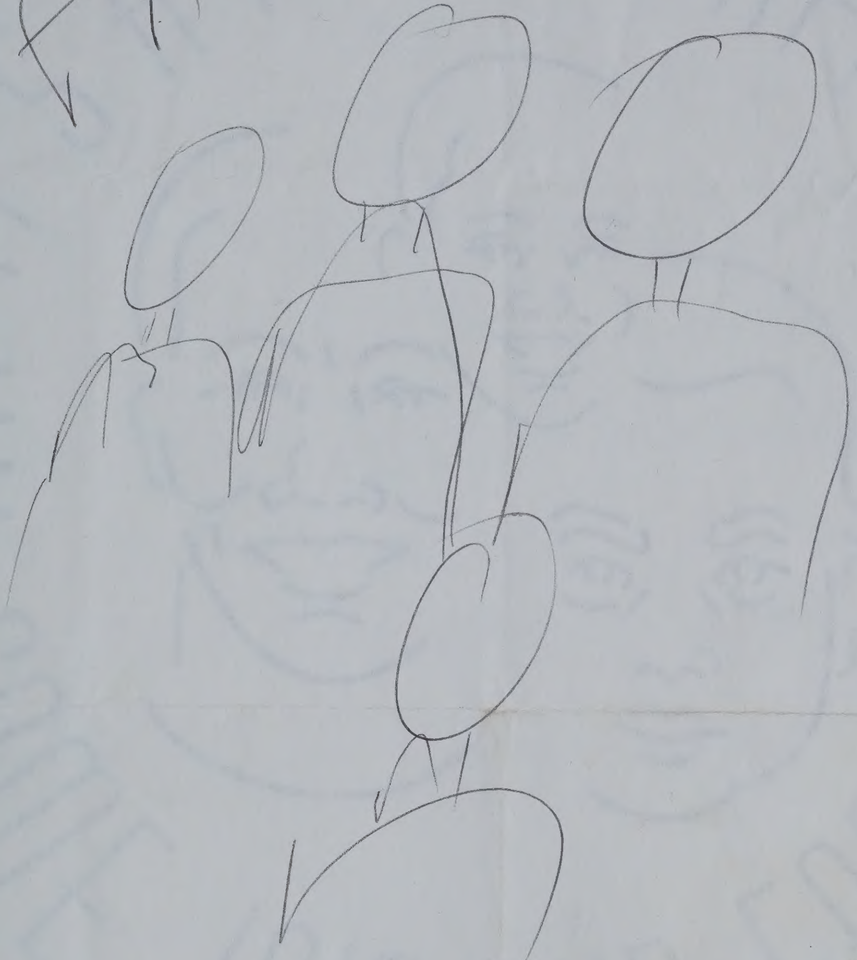

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And Tell US About Yours

5/10/98

6^{30} pm - 8^{30} pm

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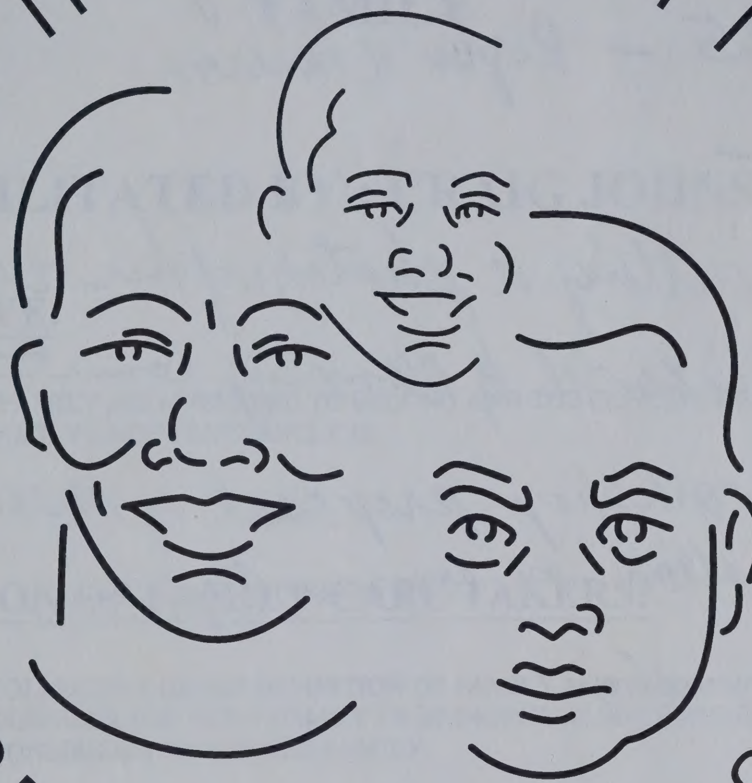

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Call Darril tell him youre preparing a fax to go out

Ask about Radio for spots

WR7G 893 - Charone / Rudy

HOT 97.5 - Ryan cameron

V103 -

Check into getting a photographer to take our pictures - Board & planning committee

Submitt a workshop proposal - mens opener

A Conversation on community

Agree to do vending

SECOND SUNDAY

FAMILY

AS FACILITATED BY : CRAIG JOHNSON

nervous / slow moving
Capitalize on peoples responses to move you [illegible] forward
don't cut people off
let them get their stuff out unless they aren't answering or responding to the question
[illegible] where are your notes
you need something to keep you on the right track

OBJECTIVE:

THE VALUE OF FAMILY AND THE NEED TO BELONG AND THE CONCEPT OF WHAT DETERMINDS FAMILY AND WHAT FAMILY IS.

moved to rapidly through this portion

DEFINITION OF FAMILY/CARE TAKERS:

TO GATHER A COLLECTIVE GROUP DEFINITION OF FAMILY AND TO INDENTIFY THE PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR PRIMARY UP BRINGING. ALSO TO IDENTIFY WHAT OUR ROLE/RESPONSIBILITY WAS IN THE FAMILY.

out of order we started by defining family

OUR SEXUALITY/OUR FAMILY:

WHAT PART OUR SEXUALITY PLAYS IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR FAMILY AND HOW IN DOES OR DOES NOT AFFECT THAT RELATIONSHIP.

pain/joy EMOTIONS are high around this issue

BIOLOGICAL/EXTENDED:

FAMILY OF ORIGIN / FAMILY OF CHOICE, THE PARALLELS AND THE DIFFERENCES. WHICH ONE DO YOU RELATE TO MORE, FOR THOSE WHO HAVE MORE THAN ONE FAMILY IS IT IMPORTANT TO INTEGRATE THE TWO, IF SO WHAT ARE THE OBSTICLES AND WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS.

*Please attempt to keep people on track, make them respond to the question you ask.

Define Family - [redacted] people who you choose to, be close to, to let into your life

- a group of people who share Common traits and interest and or experiences

- affirm, supports and nurtures

2 parent home
Single parent home
raised by extended family
or extended family member
adopted - (no knowledge of birth parents)

homosexuality is [redacted] devalued in our society.
masculinity is praised.
feminity is not valued in our community.
The sterotype of what a gay man is and or does is something we fight against constantly.

This conversation is supposed to be about the importance of family and not about just those negative experiences.

2ND SUNDAY

BROTHERS
SPEAKING
OUT

WELCOME

Second Sunday would like to officially welcome you as a member and to thank you for supporting our efforts to become a more developed and organized group.

All new members are encouraged to become actively involved in decision-making committees of Second Sunday, such as **Activities, Hospitality, Membership, Public Relations,** and **Topics.**

Again on behalf of the Steering Committee we welcome you and look forward to an empowering and thought provoking year. A membership packet will follow detailing Second Sunday's purpose, goals and benefits.

Membership Committee
P.S. check out our new logo

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